

 Overview & Scrutiny committee 2nd April 2019		Agenda Item No. Item 8
Title	Children's Safeguarding: Improvement Action Plan Update	
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Wards of the District directly affected	N/A	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	4 th April 2018 Overview & Scrutiny Committee (O&S), minute number 98 O&S 4/4/18	
Background Papers	Member Children's Champions Action Plan updates in O&S reports: 7/3/17 O&S 7/3/17 , 1/6/16 O&S 1/6/16 and 8/4/15 O&S 8/4/15	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	Yes
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	Yes

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		Andrew Jones
Head of Service		Lisa Barker
CMT		Andrew Jones
Section 151 Officer		Not applicable
Monitoring Officer		Andrew Jones
Finance		Not Applicable
Portfolio Holder(s)		
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Not applicable.		
Final Decision?		This report is for information only

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 This report presents the annual progress in respect of the Children's Safeguarding Improvement Action Plan and informs the Committee of progress as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the updated Improvement Action Plan.
- 2.2 That Members approve that a new action plan is drafted which takes account of both children's and adult's safeguarding, and which is both monitored and refreshed annually.
- 2.3 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decide if they want to recommend to the new Champions (appointed by Executive) if there is further work for them to consider.

3. **Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 The council has a duty under section 11 of the Children Act 2004 that places a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- 3.2 An improvement action plan was adopted in 2015 and progress against it is monitored on an annual basis.
- 3.3 All actions are now either completed or embedded into operational practice. As such, the plan is now delivered. The suggestion is to construct a new plan. Furthermore, because the Council also has responsibilities in respect of safeguarding adults, it is proposed that an action plan to address the requirements of both areas is established and monitored. The proposal is that on an annual basis, completed actions fall off the action plan with new actions that have arisen over the course of the year being added.

4. **Policy Framework**

4.1 **Fit for the Future (FFF)**

The Council's FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the vision for the district of making it a great place to live, work and visit. To that end, amongst other things, the FFF Strategy contains several key projects.

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – people, services and money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council's FFF Strategy.

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u>	<u>Intended outcomes:</u>	<u>Intended outcomes:</u>

Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		
Ensuring that children are safeguarded contributes to better health	Nil	Nil
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers' needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
Nil	The Improvement Action Plan has enabled focus to be made on our processes in relation to children's safeguarding.	Nil

4.2 **Supporting Strategies**

The Council adopted the current Housing and Homelessness Strategy in April 2017. This includes objectives around supporting people to sustain, manage and maintain their housing

4.3 **Changes to Existing Policies**

There are no changes proposed for existing policies.

4.4 **Impact Assessments**

No impacts arise as a consequence of this update report.

5. **Budgetary Framework**

5.1 This report has no financial or budgetary implications for this council.

6. **Risks**

- 6.1 If we failed to deliver safeguarding, children and vulnerable adults would be at risk of harm.

7. **Alternative Option(s) considered**

- 7.1 No other options have been considered as this report is for information and to look retrospectively at the Children's Safeguarding: Improvement Action Plan update.

8. **Background**

- 8.1 It was agreed that the Children's Safeguarding Improvement Action Plan Update report be brought to Scrutiny committee each year with an update.
- 8.2 To support this work, two Councillors have been nominated in the role of Children's Champions.