

CABINET

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LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LRLSCB) BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19

Report of the Chair of the LRLSCB

Strategic Aim:	Safeguarding	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP170118	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Considers the LRLSCB Business Plan for 2018/19 and make any comments for amendment to be considered by the Board.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the draft proposed Business Plan priorities for the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) for 2018/19 for noting and comment by Cabinet.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The LRLSCB is a statutory body established by Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 and currently operates under statutory guidance issued in Working Together 2015. It is a requirement that the Board issue an annual business plan setting out its priorities for action.
- 2.2 Under the Children and Social Work Act 2017 LSCBs are due to cease and local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements will be established. The detail of the requirements for these new arrangements will be published in Working Together 2018 guidance due in spring 2018. Until multi-agency safeguarding arrangements are in place LSCBs will continue to function under current statutory guidance.
- 2.3 The Annual Report of the LRLSCB was considered by Rutland Cabinet in October 2017 and emerging priorities for the new Business Plans for 2018/19 were discussed at that meeting. The views expressed at that stage were fed into the formative process for the Plan and are reflected in the current priorities.
- 2.4 The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2016/17 have been built into the Business Plan for 2018/19. In addition to issues arising from the Annual Report the new Business Plan's priorities have been identified against a range of national and local drivers including:
- national safeguarding policy initiatives and drivers;
 - recommendations from regulatory inspections across partner agencies;
 - the outcomes of serious case reviews, serious incident learning processes, domestic homicide reviews and other review processes both national and local;
 - evaluation of the business plans for 2017/18 including analysis of impact afforded by the quality assurance and performance management framework;
 - best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;
 - the views expressed by both service users and front-line staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements;
 - recommendations contained in the Ofsted review of the LRLSCB published on 13 February 2017 and the recommendations in the Ofsted inspections of Leicestershire and Rutland Councils published on the same date.
- 2.5 The new Business Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in several forums since the autumn of 2017. These include:
- meetings of the Scrutiny Panels in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which both the Annual Report 2016/17 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Well-Being Boards at which both the Annual Report 2016/17 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - discussions within individual agencies.

- 2.6 The Strategic priorities for the two Boards were formulated through the annual Development Session of the two Safeguarding Boards held on 14 November 2017 and subsequent development and Board meetings

3 BUSINESS PLAN PRIORITIES

- 3.1 Unlike previous years for 2018/19 the LRLSCB business plan is not supplemented by a plan incorporating shared priorities with the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB), as no areas of joint priority have been identified this year.
- 3.2 The specific priorities that have arisen for the LRLSCB are:

Development Priority	Summary
1. Partnership Transition	Influence the development of new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
2. Multiple Risk Factors	The impact of multiple risk factors on children is recognised, understood and responded to across agencies.
3. Safeguarding Children- Access to services	Ensure the pathways for access to services for safeguarding children are robust and effective
4. Child Exploitation - (Child Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking, Missing and Gangs)	Children at risk of exploitation are effectively safeguarded.
5. Safeguarding Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	Improve the approach to safeguarding children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

- 3.3 The Board's office has consulted with young people in Leicestershire and Rutland regarding the priorities of the Board. Young people have identified hearing and responding to the voice of young people to be considered as a priority in the Business Plan. As a result the LRLSCB has identified that this will be incorporated across the priorities rather than as its own stand-alone priority. The LRLSCB has also instigated ongoing input from children and young people through a specific advisory group that will lead parts of Board meetings and contribute to the development of priorities and work of the LSCB.
- 3.4 Key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next year to achieve these improved outcomes are included in the business development plan appended.
- 3.5 The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the Board will be revised to ensure that it reflects the new Business Plan and enable ongoing monitoring of performance of core business that is not covered in the business plan.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All members of the Board and its Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on the Business Plan. Young people have been consulted on the priorities.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 Although the Business Plan was signed off by the LSCB at the meeting of 23rd March 2018, feedback from Cabinet will support the ongoing development of the action plans for these priorities.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific financial implications of the Safeguarding Boards' business plans.
- 6.2 Rutland County Council contributes £52,250 to the costs of the LRLSCB (of a total budget of £240,263 in 2018/19).
- 6.3 In addition Rutland County Council are providing the lead officer for one of the Business Plan Priorities of the Board.

7 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The LRLSCB is a statutory body. Local authorities have a duty to ensure that the Board is enabled to operate effectively.
- 7.2 It is a requirement of Working Together 2015 (Government guidance on inter-agency working on children's safeguarding) to submit the Annual Reports to the Leader of the Council, and it has been deemed good practice to consult on the Business Plans since these form the core of the annual reporting process. In addition, the Cabinet has always been included in this reporting.

8 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed for the following reasons. The LSCB and SAB have Information Sharing Agreements and operate in line with the Data Protection Act 1998 and GDPR from 25th May 2018. All information is shared for safeguarding processes and appropriate controls are in place to ensure data security.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 The LRLSCB seeks to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard children and young people. At the heart of the Boards work is a focus on any individual or group that may be at greater risk of safeguarding vulnerability and the performance framework tests whether specific groups are at higher levels of risk....

10 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There is a connection between the work of the LRLSCB and that of the Safer Rutland Partnership. The Boards work with community safety partnerships to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being of individuals and groups e.g. Domestic Abuse, CSE and Prevent. The LSCB and SAB also support the community safety partnership in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Health and care needs can be linked to safeguarding risk for adults and children and health and care practitioners can have opportunities to identify and respond to safeguarding risk not available to workers in other agencies.
- 11.2 The Boards priorities, particularly, but not exclusively Children with Disabilities and Multiple Risk Factors have direct links with improving health and wellbeing.
- 11.3 The Boards Business Plan has been considered by the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board.

12 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet comments on the Business Plan 2018/19 for the LRLSCB, particularly in relation to the business of the County Council in 2018/19.
- 12.2 This report enables the Cabinet to comment on the Business Plan priorities and to consider whether they identify matters that it wishes to address in relation to the effectiveness of safeguarding within the work of the Authority.

13 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

14 APPENDICES

- 14.1 Appendix A: LR Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Development Plan 2018 – 2019.

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