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## **1. Formal details of the paper**

- 1.1. Title of the paper  
LSCB Annual Report 2013/14
- 1.2 Who can see this paper?  
A final draft of the report was discussed at full Board on 24 September 2014 and agreed. It will be publically available including on the LSCB web site <http://www.brightonandhovelscb.org.uk/>
- 1.3 Date of Health & Wellbeing Board meeting  
14 October 2014
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## **2. Decisions, recommendations and any options**

- 2.1 This paper is presented for information
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Board notes the report and members support their organisations in their contribution to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.
- 2.3 It is recommended that the Board note the challenges for the LSCB in 2014/15.
- 2.4 The Board is asked to approve the attached protocol for co-working between the LSCB and the HWB.

## **3. Relevant information**

- 3.1 It is a statutory requirement for the LSCB to publish an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in the local area.

3.2 The LSCB continues to work in partnership with member agencies to protect children from abuse and neglect, and to minimise any adverse consequences of abuse. The Annual Report provides an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Safeguarding activity is progressing well in the area and the LSCB has a clear consensus on the strategic priorities for the coming year.

3.2 The LSCB Business Plan 2013- 16 has been developed to reflect the key objectives and actions needed in order to help make children and young people safer in Brighton & Hove. The plan takes into account the Government's response to Professor Munro's Review of Child Protection and the changes to Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013). By the end of March 2014 considerable progress had been made on the business plan, in relation to responses to specific safeguarding concerns – Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Sexual Abuse and Neglect, as well as in areas of Participation & Engagement, Early Help, and Board accountability.

#### **4. Important considerations and implications**

##### **4.1 Legal**

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Elizabeth Culbert, Deputy Head of Law.

##### **4.2 Finance**

A financial statement of the 2103/14 expenditure and partner's contributions for the LSCB can be found at Appendix 1. In summary, the LSCB was in deficit in 2013/14 by £12,400 which was entirely borne by the council. Moving forward In 2014/15 agreement has been reached to have a more collective responsibility towards financing the LSCB; with all partner agencies increasing their contributions to match the expenditure plan for the year.

David Ellis

Accountant, Business Engagement – Children's Finance

##### **4.3 Equalities**

The LSCB through the City Council and other partner agencies will continue to work to ensure all children and families have access to safeguarding services – particularly those who are less able to communicate due to age, disability, language or for other reasons. One of the key objectives of the LSCB is to improve outcomes for children and

young people from diverse communities and groups, and for those who live in deprived geographical communities.

#### 4.4 Sustainability

The LSCB is a statutory requirement and must be resourced over the forthcoming year.

#### 4.5 Health, social care, children's services and public health

The report details health, social care and public health implications.

### 4 **Supporting documents and information**

Annual Report 2013/14

Executive Summary in the Style of an LSCB Board Briefing

Protocol for co-working