

# **North Somerset Council**

## **REPORT TO THE ASH PANEL**

**DATE OF MEETING: 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

### **SUBJECT OF REPORT:**

**NORTH SOMERSET SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORTS 2016/2017**

**TOWN OR PARISH: ALL**

### **MEMBER PRESENTING:**

**COUNCILLOR DAWN PAYNE, EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 That the ASH panel note the North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board (NSSAB) and comment on issues arising from the Report that they wish the Board to consider.
- 1.2 That the panel endorse the NSSAB Business Plan for 2016/17.

### Reasons for the Recommendations:

- 1.3 It is agreed that the practice of presenting the NSSAB Annual Report to the full Executive is matched for the ASH panel.
- 1.4 A key purpose in presenting the report is to ensure that the panel is informed about the performance of the Board and identify any issues specifically relating to the Council that they determine require action by the panel.
- 1.5 A further key purpose of this report is to secure the endorsement of the panel to the Business Plan for the North Somerset the Safeguarding Adults Board (NSSAB).

## **2. SUMMARY OF REPORT**

- 2.1 The NSSAB became a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as a result of the Care Act 2014. The Act requires that the SAB must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversee and coordinate the

effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. It requires the SAB to develop and actively promote a culture with its members, partners and the local community that recognises the values and principles contained in 'Making Safeguarding Personal'. It should also concern itself with a range of issues which can contribute to the wellbeing of its community and the prevention of abuse and neglect, such as:

- a) the safety of people who use services in local health settings, including
- b) mental health
- c) the safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing
- d) effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
- e) the quality of local care and support services
- f) the effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders
- g) making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse

2.3 These points have been addressed in drawing up our Business Plan for 2016/17.

2.4 The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2016/17 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for adults in North Somerset. Specifically, it evaluates our performance against the priorities that we set in our Business Plan 2016/17 and against other statutory functions.

### **3. POLICY**

3.1 The NSSAB is a statutory body and local authorities have a duty to ensure that the Board is enabled to operate effectively.

3.2 It is a requirement of the statutory guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 that the NSSCB Annual Report be reported to the Leader of the Council together with the Chief Executive of the local authority, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

3.3 It has been considered good practice in North Somerset to submit the NSSAB Annual Report and Business Plans in the same way to the Executive and the ASH panel.

### **4. DETAILS**

#### NSSAB Annual Report and Strategic Plan 2016/19

4.1 As in 2015/16 the NSSCB and NSSAB have formulated individual Business Plans. These will be supplemented by a future plan that addresses priorities they will share. This is intended to secure a balance between achieving a strong focus on children and adult safeguarding issues and recognising that some safeguarding matters require approaches that cross-cut adults and children's services and focus on whole family issues.

4.2 The specific priorities for the NSSAB are:

- Empowerment
- Protection
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Partnership
- Accountability

The full report is attached for your information.

4.5 The Annual Report illustrate a range of improvements that have been secured in the delivery of safeguarding across North Somerset. It also identifies a range of improvements that are required in the future and these were reflected in the Business Plan for 2015/16 and have similarly featured in the formulation of the new Business Plans 2016/17.

4.6 The panel is requested to note the Annual Report and to comment on any issues which they believe the Board may wish to consider in the future.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

5.1 The NSSAB work closely with all partners represented on the Board as there are a range of areas of shared interest.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The LSAB has a budget built through the contributions of partner agencies.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

A member of the CQC attends the NSSAB on a regular basis. If the Board were to be ineffective, this would be a reputational risk to the Council.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report and Business Plan 2016/17.

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