

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Corporate Parenting Board
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Title:	Protocol with the Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Board
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1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 For the Corporate Parenting Board to note the role and function of the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB), and approve the proposed Protocol outlining how the two Boards will exchange information and work together on areas of mutual interest.

2. Summary

2.1. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the draft Protocol between the Hampshire Corporate Parenting Board and Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) attached as Annex 1.

2.2. Both the Hampshire Corporate Parenting Board and the HSCB have important, but distinct roles in ensuring that Looked After Children receive good quality services, have their welfare promoted, reach their potential and are safeguarded from harm.

2.3. This protocol aims to support the two Boards to operate effectively in relation to one another in terms of safeguarding children who are Looked After in Hampshire, and the means to ensure effective co-ordination and coherence. It outlines the joint areas of interest and suggests ways in which the two Boards can share information in relation to these areas.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The draft Protocol contains information about the Corporate Parenting Board that will be discussed and agreed during its inaugural meeting, such as Terms of Reference. If these are subject to change the Protocol can be updated to reflect the discussions.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	No
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	No

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

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Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

See guidance at <http://intranet.hants.gov.uk/equality/equality-assessments.htm>

*Inset in full your **Equality Statement** which will either state*

- (a) why you consider that the project/proposal will have a low or no impact on groups with protected characteristics or*
- (b) will give details of the identified impacts and potential mitigating actions.*

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

There is no impact.

3. Climate Change:

These proposals do not have any impact on the environment.