

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Paul Threlfall, Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015

## BLACKPOOL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 Working Together (2015) requires Local Safeguarding Children Boards to submit their annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This will ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board is aware of the work of Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board during 2014/15 and its plans for 2015/16 and beyond.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the contents of the Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and to utilise its conclusions to inform its future work plan.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Local Safeguarding Children Boards are required to publish annual reports that include a rigorous and transparent assessment of the effectiveness of local services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. They are also expected to work with Health and Wellbeing Boards, drawing on and informing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. By receiving this report the Health and Wellbeing Board will be able to utilise its conclusions to inform their own work plan and to ensure that children are adequately safeguarded.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

**4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Tackle child poverty, raise aspirations and improve educational achievement
- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
- Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce

**5.0 Background Information**

5.1 Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board was established in 2006 and is a partnership body in which all the agencies that work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Blackpool are represented.

5.2 The period covered by the attached annual report encompasses the Ofsted inspection of July 2014, in which the Board itself received a grade of Requires Improvement. In the subsequent months a new Independent Chairman, David Sanders, was appointed and following the conclusion of the reporting period progress was deemed such that the ensuing Improvement Notice was lifted.

5.3 Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board has therefore resumed its full statutory responsibilities and is currently working toward a two year business plan addressing the major safeguarding themes of Child Sexual Exploitation, Neglect, Early Help and the 'Toxic Trio' (parental mental health, substance misuse and domestic abuse).

5.4 The Board's current activity is also characterised by a larger than typical number of serious case reviews, together with a sustained effort to better engage with our colleagues in schools.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 **List of Appendices:**  
Appendix 5a: Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report  
2014/15

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 None

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None

9.0 **Financial considerations:**

9.1 None

10.0 **Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

11.0 **Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

12.0 **Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None

13.0 **Background papers:**

13.1 None