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**8th November 2007
10th December 2007**

**INTER-AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS TO CO-ORDINATE AND
MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SAFEGUARDING**

Report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report on the work of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board(LSCB) to
- a) co-ordinate inter-agency work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and to
 - b) monitor the effectiveness of what relevant organisations do, individually and collectively to safeguard children.

2 Summary

- 2.1 The LSCB is a multi-agency board; in April 06 it became the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how relevant organisations co-operate in safeguarding and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do. This was a significantly enhanced role for the new Board.
- 2.2 The attached report presents the annual report of its first year of operation April 2006 to end March 2007, and the current business plan to end March 2008.
- 2.3 The core business of the LSCB remains child protection – ie the activity undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are at risk of suffering, significant harm. Effective child protection is part of the wider work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children so that the need for action to protect children from harm is reduced. The business plan reflects how the LSCB is developing this wider remit, whilst ensuring that the focus on “core” child protection is not lost.

- 2.4 The creation of LSCBs was accompanied by revised statutory guidance on how to work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006"). The first two year business plan reflects the need to review and revise core child protection procedures as well as to develop targeted preventative work. Considerable work has been undertaken in order to:
- a) embed the new Board arrangements and establish ways to monitor the effectiveness of the LSCB itself
 - b) ensure our local procedures and guidance comply with the new "working Together Guidance"
 - c) develop performance management reporting to enable the Board to monitor the effectiveness of local inter-agency arrangements
- 2.5 Key areas of current development activity include:
- a) Supporting agencies to implement safer employment practices (recruitment, working practices and managing allegations) whilst also developing monitoring arrangements to ensure this
 - b) Engaging with madrassahs to support development of good practice in the above
 - c) Forging stronger links with those working within the domestic violence arena, including monitoring of domestic violence strategies
 - d) Developing a local Child Death Review Panel to review all child deaths (this is a statutory responsibility on all Local Authorities from April 2008 onwards)
 - e) Bringing together work already undertaken within agencies to promote e-safety and developing inter-agency agreed strategies
 - f) Bringing together the work already undertaken in agencies to ensure participation of children and young people and embedding participation within LSCB developments
- 2.6 This report provides an overview. It is intended to provide further reports on the progress of key areas of activity together with any particular implications for the Council at subsequent dates.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That Cabinet and OSMB note the contents of this report.

4 Report

- 4.1 Please see attached LSCB annual report and business plan.

5 FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
(Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance and Efficiency - Tel 252 7750)

5.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal issues arising from this report.
(Guy Goodman, Head of Community Services Law – Tel 252 7054)

5.3 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	No		
Policy	No		
Sustainable and Environmental	No		
Crime and Disorder	No		
Human Rights Act	No		
Elderly/People on Low Income	No		

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Significant effect on one or more wards
Appeared in Forward Plan	Yes
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)