

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	5 July 2018
Officer	<p><u>Local Member</u> Pauline Batstone, Chairman</p> <p><u>Lead Director</u> Nick Jarman, Director of Children's Services</p>
Subject of Report	Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Annual Report 2017-18
Executive Summary	<p>It is widely recognised as best practice for a committee to compile and publish an annual report. This helps to summarise and communicate the key elements of the work of the committee. It communicates the committee's purpose, the work it has been directly involved in and, perhaps most importantly, identifies the outcomes that have been achieved to strengthening the Council's operating framework as a direct result of its involvement.</p>
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment: Giving appropriate consideration to equalities is a key aspect of good governance, but there are no equalities issues arising directly from this report.</p>
	<p>Use of Evidence: This report is based on work undertaken by the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the evidence used in its compilation is based on the formal minutes of the committee, the reports received by the committee, and the outcomes that have been delivered as a direct result of this work.</p>
	<p>Budget: None in the context of this specific report.</p>
	<p>Risk: Having considered the risks associated with this report using the County Councils approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:</p>

	<p>Current: LOW</p> <p>Residual: LOW</p>
	<p>Outcomes: The Overview and Scrutiny Committees each have a primary focus on one or more of the outcomes in the County Council's Outcomes Framework: Safe, Healthy, Independent and Prosperous. The Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee has oversight of the Safe corporate outcome, and this outcome is therefore the primary focus of this report.</p>
	<p>Other Implications: None</p>
Recommendation	That the committee scrutinises the Annual Report for 2017-18 and suggests any revisions prior to its publication.
Reason for Recommendation	Publication of an Annual Report by the committee is recognised as a best practice approach.
Appendices	Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017-18
Background Papers	Minutes of the meetings of the committee during 2017-18
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