

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding)	Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 4 June 2024
Subject:	Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2022-23		
Report of:	Assistant Director of Children's Services (Quality Assurance and Safeguarding)	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member – Children's Social Care		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

Detailed within the Sefton SCP Annual Report 2022-23 is the work undertaken by the Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership, whose purpose is to safeguard children and work together with a collective aim to better improve the outcomes for our children and young people.

Recommendation(s):

(1) Members note the report.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

As outlined above.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

N/A

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs - Sefton Council's financial contribution to Sefton SCP is £72,800

(B) Capital Costs – None identified

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): N/A	
Legal Implications: Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) Children and Social Work Act 2017	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications	
Impact on Children and Young People: No	
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	Yes
Have a neutral impact	No
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: The safeguarding children's partnership arrangements are intended to enhance the collective contribution to continue to safeguard children in Sefton.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: the intention of the arrangements for safeguarding children is to enhance children's resilience and support families to protect children and their families. The legislation outlines how the 3 statutory partners: the Local Authority, Integrated Care Board and Police should work together to protect children.
Commission, broker and provide core services: n/a
Place – leadership and influencer: n/a
Drivers of change and reform: n/a
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: n/a
Greater income for social investment: n/a
Cleaner Greener: n/a

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

- (B) Designated partners of the local authority are part of the Sefton SCP and have sight of the annual report 2022-23.

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.7617/24.....) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5717/24.....) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

None

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Sefton SCP Annual Report 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

Background Papers: See above

1. Introduction/Background

Reporting requirements for our safeguarding partnership arrangements are set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) on pages 82-83 as follows:

“In order to bring transparency for children, families and all practitioners about the activity undertaken, the safeguarding partners must publish a report at least once in every 12-month period. The report must set out what they have done as a result of the arrangements, including on child safeguarding practice reviews, and how effective these arrangements have been in practice.

In addition, the report should also include:

- Evidence of the impact of the work of the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies, including training, on outcomes for children and families from early help to looked after children and care leavers.
- An analysis of any areas where there has been little or no evidence of progress on agreed priorities

- A record of decisions and actions taken by the partners in the report's period (or planned to be taken) to implement the recommendations of any local and national child safeguarding practice reviews, including any resulting improvements.
- Ways in which the partners have sought and utilised feedback from children and families to inform their work and influence service provision.