

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

7 November 2018

This report is submitted under Agenda Item 11. The Chair will be asked to decide if it can be considered at the meeting under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a matter of urgency in order for the Board to be appraised of the latest issues relating to the work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Title:	Update on Working Together 2018 and the Annual Report of the Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board
Report of the Independent Chair of the Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board	
Open Report	For Information
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Summary: <p>The Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board (BDSCB) is, as with all SCB' required to publish and Annual Report.</p> <p>In the Summer of 2018 the Department for Education published "<i>Working Together to Safeguarding Children 2018: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguarding and promote the welfare of children</i>".</p> <p>This statutory guidance is an update of the previous guidance published in 2015 and contained some significant changes. One of these changes concerned the nature of Safeguarding Partnerships and, crucially, the abolition of the requirement for SCB.</p> <p>In place of this, the requirement to set out the chosen arrangements in a Local Authority area to form a Safeguarding Partnership was mandated. All areas must notify the Department for Education of their intentions by April 2019, for implementation by September 2019.</p> <p>For this reason, a different approach to producing the BDSCB Annual Report has been taken. This is to allow the incorporation of the plans for the Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Partnership into the Annual Report forming, as it will, a core plank of activity during 2019 and beyond.</p> <p>A presentation will be given at the meeting outlining for the Health and Wellbeing Board the approach that will be taken to the publications of the BDSCB Annual Report, alongside that for developing the arrangements for the Safeguarding Partnership in accordance with Working Together 2018.</p>	

Recommendation(s)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- (i) Provide general comment on the approach being taken and programme of activity that is planned; and
- (ii) Discuss options for more effective joined up working and common themes across the Borough and Partners, for example:
 - Adult safeguarding
 - Domestic Abuse/Community safety
 - Alignment with Health and Wellbeing Board Priorities

Reason(s)

To both update and seek the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the production of the BDSCB Annual Report and seek the wider views of the Board on the planned response to the duties outlined in Working Together 2018 regarding Safeguarding Partnerships.