

**To the Chair and Members of the
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and Protocol

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly lead Member for Children’s Services Councillor Tony Corden, Support to lead Member for Children’s Services with a focus on Safeguarding.	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report presents the Doncaster Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report and Protocol.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to consider and comment on:
 - a) the Annual Report and
 - b) the Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board Protocol.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council’s key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy. This is achieved through making robust recommendations, monitoring performance of Council and external partners and

reviewing issues outside the remit of the Council that have an impact on the residents of the borough.

BACKGROUND

4. John Harris the independent Chair of the Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board will provide an update and present the Board’s Annual Report, attached at Appendix A and Protocol attached at Appendix B.
5. ‘Working Together to Safeguard Children’, (guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of Children), published in March 2013, requires the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to publish an Annual Report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding in the area served by the Board. The report outline details of the Board’s activities but more importantly it provides an opportunity to deliver a statement about the position of safeguarding in Doncaster.
6. The Protocol outlines its relationships between the Health and Well-being Board, Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership Board, Children and Family Strategic Partnership Board and the Scrutiny function.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to discuss the Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and Protocol.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL’S KEY OBJECTIVES

	Priority	Implications
1	<p>We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster’s vital services</i> 	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the council’s key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of council and external partners services and reviewing issues outside the remit of the council that have an impact on the residents of the borough.</p> <p>This issue has a direct impact on helping children live safe, healthily and active in a safe environment</p>
2	<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	whilst ensure the governance between the Children’s Board, Scrutiny and partners is working effectively.
3	<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
4	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster’s vital services</i> 	
5	<p>We will deliver modern value for money services.</p>	
6	<p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p>	

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

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Background Papers:

Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report – Attached.
 Doncaster Safeguarding Children Board Protocol – Attached.

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