

Minutes



To: All Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee (ISSC); Chief Executive, Chief Officers, All officers named for 'actions'

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY IMPACT OF SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (ISSC) WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2018

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

J Bennett-Lovell, I M Reay (Chairman), R H Smith, J A West

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

T Heritage, F Hill, T Hone, Ron Tindall

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Overview and Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee (ISSC) meeting held on 25 April 2018 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

Note: No conflicts of interest were declared by any member of the Cabinet Panel in relation to the matters on which conclusions were reached at this meeting.

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS]

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 28 November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS: FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT TOPIC GROUP (27 OCTOBER 2016)

Report Author: Simon Aries, Assistant Director, Transport, Waste & Environment Management (01992 555255)

2.1 Members were satisfied with all written evidence provided to recommendation 2.2.

2.2 CONCLUSION:

The sub-committee signed off recommendation 2.2. at this meeting. All recommendations for the Flood Risk Management Topic Group

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2016 have now been signed off as complete.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: [HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD \(HSCB\) – SEXUAL ABUSE TOPIC GROUP \(9 OCTOBER 2017\)](#)

Report Author: Janet E Jones, Safeguarding Boards Manager
(Tel: 01438 737348)

- 3.1 In relation to recommendation 2.1 Members noted the Brook Tool was on the HSCB website and updates were made when necessary. It was also noted the tool had been disseminated through multi-agency training, through to social workers Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and Children’s Services was receiving on the job training. Through twilight sessions 120 schools had participated and the expectation it would be further disseminated to other staff members. The number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) had increased significantly and the priority is to raise awareness.
- 3.2 The Sub-Committee agreed the content of information in recommendation 2.3 also covered recommendation 2.2. Members noted task and finish groups had met to carry forward joint working of both Safeguarding Boards and other multi-agency groups such as 0-25 Together.
- 3.3 Members were informed that there was a delay in the publication of ‘Working Together’ due to guidance from the Department of Education had not yet been received. Officers had met with Public Health, local authorities and the Police and the proposal has been agreed but the review could not be progressed until Autumn due to the guidance not being received.
- 3.4 The Sub-Committee heard there was a good relationship with the Police along with a commitment to safeguarding children subject to child sexual abuse. A joint child protection team has recently provided information to schools in relation to abuse. The Executive Member for Children’s Services confirmed she met with the Police & Crime Commissioner approximately every five weeks.
- 3.5 In relation to recommendation 2.4 it was noted a multi-agency action plan was on the HSCB website and four of the seven actions had been signed off as completed, one was due to be signed off imminently and the other three were being prepared for sign off.
- 3.6 Members were satisfied with all the recommendations relating 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4.

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CONCLUSION:

3.7 The sub-committee signed off all recommendations for the HSCB-Sexual Abuse Topic Group as complete.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS: HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD (HSAB) – SELF NEGLECT TOPIC GROUP (12 OCTOBER 2017)

Report Author: Sue Darker, Operations Director, Adults with Disabilities Mental Health and Autism, Adult Care Services (Tel: 01438 737348)

4.1 In relation to recommendation 2.1 the Sub-Committee heard there was a task and finish group being led by the Business Manager for both boards and a multi-agency training package had been developed and there would be a joint course on safeguarding for managers. It was noted a full set of courses was on target for January 2019.

4.2 In relation to the work stream on the traveller community and other hard to reach communities, officers stated this remained a joint priority and it was more about engaging and awareness training to be able to make progress with the traveller community. It was also noted there had been a member of staff employed to work with the traveller community around domestic violence.

4.3 In relation to 'See the Adult, See the Child' it was noted the joint policy had been signed off by both safeguarding boards in March and would be disseminated across both partnerships. In addition joint working across training for both boards had commenced with plans for a safeguarding course for managers.

4.4 In relation to recommendation 2.3 Members heard although five district and boroughs had not signed up to the hoarding protocol, there had been additional information provided to them to encourage sign up. It was noted that the Director of Adult Care relays information to the leads of the local housing forum.

4.5 Members were satisfied with all the recommendations relating 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

CONCLUSION:

4.6 The sub-committee signed off all recommendations for the HSAB – Self Neglect Topic Group 2017 as complete.

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5. RECOMMENDATIONS: COMMUNITY PROTECTION – SAFE & WELL TOPIC GROUP (8 NOVEMBER 2017)

Report Author: Steve Holton, Area Commander, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service (Tel: 01992 507590)

- 5.1 Members were satisfied with all written evidence provided to recommendation 2.1.
- 5.2 In relation to recommendation 2.2 it was noted the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) were working in collaboration with Humberside and Staffordshire Fire Service on a project to invest in electronic devices to record Safe and Well Activity.
- 5.3 The Sub-Committee noted the scrutiny conference as detailed in recommendation 2.3 that would include the Safe and Well programme would be held in the Autumn of 2018.
- 5.4 Members were informed that work nationally was being carried out around co-responding, this included taking on NHS responding role. Fire Brigade Union (FBU) members were not responding but continued to make referrals when if a safeguarding situation was observed.
- 5.5 In relation to recommendation 2.4 the Sub-Committee noted the Police & Crime Commissioner had put forward a business case in Autumn 2017 to assume governance of the Fire and Rescue service. Additional information had been provided to the Home Secretary following an assessment by CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy). It was noted the Minister was not content with the information in the business case.
- 5.6 The Sub-Committee noted that due to the dispute the Fire Brigade Union members were not carrying out the 'Well' part of 'Safe and Well', although if the 'Well' part was identified on a visit then a referral would be made to the relevant body. It was also noted that 110 volunteers also carry out 'Safe and Well' visits.
- 5.7 Members noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner's business case submission to the Home Secretary to assume governance of Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue stated that the Safe & Well Programme would continue.
- 5.8 Members were satisfied with all the recommendations relating 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4.

CONCLUSION:

- 5.9 The sub-committee signed off all recommendations for the

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Community Protection – Safe & Well Topic Group 2017 as complete.

6. FORWARD PLAN

6.1 The sub-committee noted the forward plan for the meeting, outlining forthcoming topic groups whose recommendations were scheduled to be discussed at forthcoming meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

7. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

7.1 Members noted the date of the next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee would be 12 July 2018.

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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