

<b>MAYOR &amp; CABINET</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	Response to the referral from Overview and Scrutiny Committee Business Panel regarding the Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Lewisham		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	<b>Item No.</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	All		
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	<b>Date:</b>	10 July 2019

## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Mayor and Cabinet with a response to the request from Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel when they discussed the proposed arrangements for a Multi Agency Children's Safeguarding Partnership for Lewisham. The Business Panel requested further information to assure them about future arrangements.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet are asked to note the referral and the response from officers and agree that it be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel.

## 3. Policy Context

- 3.1 Ensuring strong multi-agency children's safeguarding arrangements will contribute to four of the key priority outcomes of Lewisham's Corporate Strategy 2018-2022 which replaces the 2008 Community Strategy:
- Open Lewisham – Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.
  - Giving children and young people the best start in life – every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential
  - Delivering and defending – Health, Social Care and Support – ensuring everyone received the health, mental health, social care and support services they need
  - Building safer communities – every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

#### **4. Referral**

4.1 The statutory framework for local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements has changed and the council, together with its statutory partners the police and health (the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)) has been required to agree new arrangements. Lewisham is part of an 'Early Adopter' arrangement with Bexley and Greenwich so was required to agree its new arrangements by the end of April 2019. At its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Mayor and Cabinet agreed the new arrangements. These have also been agreed by the Metropolitan Police and Lewisham CCG. These were agreed following consultation with partners and consideration at CYP Select Committee.

4.2 O&S BP met on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 and discussed the proposals at length. They noted the report and requested the Mayor and Cabinet to ask officers to construct an Executive Management Structure chart with a clear reporting line for the Child Death Overview Panel. Members will recall that the Child Death Overview arrangements have to be on a larger footprint than just one borough. They also requested that Mayor and Cabinet be requested to ask officers to circulate details of the person specification and Job description for the Independent Scrutineer to the Children and Young People Select Committee when finalised.

#### **4.3 Response**

4.3.1 The presentation which sets out the reporting lines for the new Child Death Overview Arrangements is set out in Appendix A. The details of the Independent Scrutineer, who is currently being recruited, have been sent to the CYP Select Committee members.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 Legal implications were set out in the original report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no specific financial implications to this report.

#### **7. Crime and Disorder Implications**

7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

#### **8. Equalities Implications**

- 8.1 The new Lewisham Children's Safeguarding Partnership will be adopting an equalities policy which mirrors that of the council.

## **9. Environmental Implications**

- 9.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

If there are any queries arising from this report, please contact Sara Williams on 020 8314 8527.