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| REPORT TO: | Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee 17 September 2019 |
| SUBJECT: | Croydon Safeguarding Children Board Draft Annual Report 2018/19 |
| LEAD OFFICER: | Jo Negrini Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service |
| CABINET MEMBER: | Councillor Alisa Flemming Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning |
| PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING: | Di Smith, Independent Chair, CSCB |

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| ORIGIN OF ITEM: | This item is contained in the Sub-Committee's agreed work programme. |
| BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE: | To review the Annual Report of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board 2018-19 |

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Working Together 2015 all Local Safeguarding Children Boards are required to produce an Annual Report. This is the last Annual Report of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board as the legislation in respect of Local Safeguarding Boards ceases with effect from September 2019.

This report covers the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. As the CSCB ceases on 31 August 2019, the report also includes, wherever relevant, work undertaken up until August 2019. The Report remains in draft until agreed by the Executive of the new Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership on 11 September 2019.

2. Croydon Safeguarding Children Board 2018/19

2.1 Foreword from the Independent Chair. The Chair reports on the changes required by the new legislation to withdraw Safeguarding Children Boards and the transition and development of the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA) in Croydon. The Chair notes the significant achievement of the publication of the Vulnerable Adolescent Review. The Chair notes the

collective partnership approach and approach to the work of the Children's Improvement Board. The report is structured as follows:-

- 2.2 About Croydon, gives broad information about the borough with particular attention on matters relating to children. This includes population, ethnicity, poverty, health, and education.
- 2.3 About the Board, notes how the Board is structured to meet and discharge the statutory requirements, including membership and attendance. The CSCB Budget is made up from contributions from partners, the breakdown of the income and expenditure is detailed.
- 2.4 About the Board further notes the formal reporting on the work of the CSCB sub-groups and the statutory requirements including
 - Serious Case Reviews
 - Child Death Overview Panel
 - Quality Assurance Practice and Performance
 - Risk of Missing and exploitation
 - Learning and Development
 - Health
 - Education
 - Section 11
 - Communication
 - Local Authority Designated Officer
 - Private Fostering
 - Progress on CSCB Plans
- 2.5 About the Partnership provides clear description of how the new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements will be effected in Croydon. This includes
 - the CSCP Budget,
 - the CSCP Structure
 - the role of the Executive
 - the Priority Groups
 - the Partnership Groups and relevant agencies
 - How scrutiny will be effected in the new arrangements
- 2.6 The last sections include Service reports and those of Voluntary & Charitable organisation. This broad range of reports give detail about the core business of children's social care, health, Police and a number of organisations detailing their involvement in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. For example, children with Child Protection Plans, Missing Children, Child Exploitation, Gang and Youth Violence.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES: Appendix 1 – Croydon Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018 - 19