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Title: North Yorkshire Children's and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult's Board Annual Reports 2016-2017

Summary:

This report accompanies the above named annual reports. Below offers a short summary of the documents and also an insight into Selby District Council's current position in relation to ensuring effective safeguarding practices.

Recommendations:

- i. **The committee is asked to note the content of the attached annual reports for the North Yorkshire Children's and Adult's Safeguarding Boards.**

Reasons for recommendation

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults is a statutory duty for the District Council.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The County Safeguarding Boards have a statutory duty to publish annual reports, accounting for the activities of the Board for the previous year and providing evidence for the key areas of focus for the coming year.
- 1.2 Both reports set out the governance arrangements across North Yorkshire and outline the activity and partnership working in the Selby district.

1.3 The priority areas for the boards are:

| Adults | Children's |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awareness and Empowerment- Prevention of Harm- Protection and Proportionality- Partnership Effectiveness | <p>Vision: "We will listen to the views of children and young people and work together to ensure they feel safe and North Yorkshire is a happy place to live."</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinate the activities of the board- Ensure the board's effectiveness |

1.4 The Adult's report outlines per theme, partner and district, what has been delivered over the period of 2016–2017, Selby District Council's contribution is included at Appendix 11. In summary, this identifies how the council has supported safeguarding development through:

- A new structure
- Re-establishing full representation on partnership groups
- Aligning the Safer Selby Hub to better approaches in safeguarding
- Piloted a community navigator scheme, offering local information, advice and volunteer initiatives.

1.5 The Children's report outlines the local involvement in Chapter 6, highlighting the achievements of the partnership through:

- Community safety development
- A focus on domestic abuse training, support and commissioning
- Raising awareness of the Prevent duty
- Contributing to campaigns such as safeguarding week

1.6 Going forward the Children's Safeguarding Board will continue to develop the multi-agency safeguarding approach, ensuring appropriate and timely access to services as well as continuing to improve the quality of professionals reporting to child protection and care conferences.

2 Next Steps

2.1 Selby District Council has an internal operational safeguarding policy that ensures practices are well embedded across our range of services.

2.2 As safeguarding boards have recently reviewed their own effectiveness, structures and policies, Selby District Council will follow suite and has arranged a review of local practice to ensure up to date responses.

2.3 The review will take approximately 12 weeks and will consist of audits, an improvement plan, policy and process revision, an outline quality assurance

framework and a training and development plan. This should ensure that local operating practices and governance arrangements remain best fit since the 2016/17 organisational restructure.

3 Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters

Legal Issues

There are no identified legal issues.

Financial Issues

There are no identified financial issues.

Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

4. Background Documents

Appendix 1 - North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016-17

Appendix 2 - North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2016-17

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