

Officer Executive Decisions

Proposed Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: On 9 April 2019, the Cabinet considered a report which set out the proposals for the new safeguarding partnership arrangements for children in Medway in accordance with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and associated statutory guidance, which placed a duty on three agencies, namely the local authority, the police and the clinical commissioning group, to make arrangements for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of People – Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children Services (Lead Member), to finalise the safeguarding partnership arrangements for publication by 29 June 2019, should any changes or more detail be required as set out in paragraph 7.3 of the report (decision no. 49/2019 refers).

The report may be viewed online:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ielIssueDetails.aspx?Id=24878&Opt=3>

Decision: In accordance with the Cabinet decision, the arrangements have been finalised and were published on 14 June 2019. They can be viewed online:

<https://www.msrb.org.uk/msrb/downloads/file/259/medway-safeguarding-children-partnership---local-safeguarding-arrangements>

Reasons for Decision: Approval of the proposed safeguarding partnership arrangements will enable the local authority to comply with the duties placed on the three Safeguarding Partners to make arrangements for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area and will enable the three safeguarding partners to meet the required deadlines of 29 June 2019 to publish the arrangements and 29 September 2019 to implement them.

Date of Decision: 14 June 2019

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Details of any other options considered and rejected: Other options considered are set out in the Cabinet report.

Conflicts of Interest: None