

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE SUNDERLAND
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD**

**SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ARRANGEMENTS 2016-
2017**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider the Interim Independent Chair's Report on Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board arrangements for 2016-2017.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the start of the year, the Committee agreed to include in its work programme a report on the work of the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board.
- 2.2 Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) is a statutory body established under Section 13 of the Children Act 2004¹. As required by statute, it is independently chaired and membership consists of the chief executive, or equivalent, representatives of the key partner agencies working together to safeguard children and young people in Sunderland.
- 2.3 The Local Safeguarding Children Board statutory objectives as outlined in section 14 of the Children Act 2004 are:-
- To coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and
 - To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 A copy of a report prepared for the Scrutiny Committee on Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board arrangements for 2016-2017 is attached.
- 3.2 Jane Held (Interim Independent Chair of the Sunderland Safeguarding Board) will be in attendance to introduce the report and answer any questions.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The report will provide members with an overview of the progress being made by the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider and comment on the Interim Independent Chair's Report on Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board arrangements for 2016-2017.

6 Background Papers

Interim Independent Chair's Report on Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board arrangements for 2016-2017.