



Children and Education Select Committee
28 November 2013

Chairman's Introduction

Purpose of the report: This report provides the Committee with an introduction to substantial items on this agenda, which all relate to the theme of Safeguarding.

Introduction:

1. On 28 November 2013 the Children & Education Select Committee scrutiny meeting will be on the theme of Safeguarding and Child Protection, and how the County Council and its key partners are working to ensure the safety of Surrey's children.
2. In accordance with the Children Act (1989 & 2004), the County Council retains the lead role for safeguarding children in Surrey and this is therefore an important area of focus for the Select Committee.

Meeting Structure

3. The meeting will consist of four sessions, during which Members of the Committee will focus on a specific issue in detail as outlined below:
 - **Session 1:** Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2012 – 2013

The purpose of this session will be to consider and review how all partners within Surrey worked together to fulfil their statutory duties for the period April 2012 to March 2013, whilst providing context for the following sessions.

This report will be introduced by Julian Gordon-Walker (Head of Safeguarding, Surrey County Council) and Alex Walters (Chairman of the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board).

- **Session 2: Surrey County Council's Safeguarding Role**

The purpose of this session is to consider the County Council's Safeguarding role.

This report will be introduced by Julian Gordon-Walker (Head of Safeguarding).

- **Session 3: Safeguarding and Schools**

The purpose of this session will be to consider safeguarding arrangements within Surrey's schools.

This report will be introduced by Ian McGraw (Education Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Surrey County Council) and Liz Griffiths (Safeguarding Lead, Babcock 4S)

- **Session 4: Safeguarding and the Health Service**

The purpose of this session will be to consider safeguarding arrangements within Surrey's Health Service.

This report will be introduced by Vicky Stobbart (Director of Quality and Safeguarding, Guildford & Waverly Clinical Commissioning Group) and Clare Stevens (GP lead, Guildford & Waverley CCG Governing Board)

Additional Witnesses

4. As well as the officers listed above, a small number of additional witnesses have been invited to assist the Select Committee in its scrutiny of this area. Members will be provided with details of the witnesses prior to the Committee meeting.

Further Information

5. If you require further information regarding the meeting please contact the scrutiny team using the contact details below.

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