

**Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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| <b>REPORT TITLE:</b> | <b>Protocol between the Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>    | <b>Head of Intelligence – Statutory Scrutiny Officer</b><br><br><b>Business Services</b>   |

**REPORT SUMMARY**

A workshop was convened in January 2019 between Members of the Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Wirral Safeguarding Children's Board. The workshop was held to give Members an overview of the new safeguarding arrangements and make recommendations before the new Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership launch in September 2019.

One of the recommendations was to formulate new working protocol between the Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee are both involved in scrutinising children's safeguarding in different ways and, therefore, clear working arrangements and expectations are necessary. The draft protocol is included as an appendix to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

Members of the Committee are requested to:

1. Approve the updated draft protocol.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

To ensure effectiveness of scrutiny and to avoid duplication of effort between Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not Applicable

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

Not Applicable

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

Not Applicable

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

Not Applicable

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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### **APPENDICES:**

**Appendix 1: Working Protocol**

**Background Papers**

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

| <b>Council Meeting</b> | <b>Date</b> |
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