

 <b>Brent</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cabinet</b>  <b>24 April 2017</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report from Director of  Policy, Performance and  Partnerships</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards affected: All Wards</p>	
<p><b>Recommendations from Community and Wellbeing  Scrutiny Committee: Brent Local Safeguarding  Children Board</b></p>	

## **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report has the recommendations for Cabinet agreed by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee after discussion of the annual report for 2015-16 of the Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the recommendation as set out in Appendix A.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 On 23 November 2016 the committee received the annual report from the Independent Chair of the Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) which reviewed its work for 2015-16.
- 3.2 Also attending the committee meeting was the Strategic Director of Children and Young People, and the Operational Director Integration and Improved Service in the Children and Young People department.
- 3.3 Members had a wide-ranging discussion with the Independent Chair about the Board's annual report, including issues of partnership work, his insight into work at the front line, levels of engagement by different agencies and organisations, and involvement of the voluntary sector and local communities in the work of the Board.
- 3.4 One of the items discussed and the members asked questions about was the budget for the LSCB. The committee noted that the Brent LSCB budget had been static for the past three years, and a member queried whether this limited

the work undertaken by the Board. The committee discussed the Board's budget compared with the budgets of Boards in other London boroughs. Details of the budgets of Boards for other London boroughs were sought after the meeting.

- 3.5 After discussing the Budget of the Board and on the basis of the discussion, members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed a recommendation for Cabinet, which is set out in Appendix A.
- 3.5 Information about the funding arrangements of other Boards in west London was obtained after the meeting and published with agenda papers for the scrutiny committee's next meeting on 1 February 2017.

### **Background Papers**

Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015/16, report to Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, 23 November 2016

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## **APPENDIX A**

1. That as part of the budget making process, the council consider how it can provide additional funding to the Brent Local Safeguarding Children's Board in order to improve value for money.