Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Children & Learning to Cabinet

on

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Agenda Item No.

Annual Report of the Success for All Children Group Children & Lifelong Scrutiny Committee -

Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform members of the work of the progress of the Success for All Children Group over the last year in improving outcomes for children and young people in the priority areas in the Children and Young People's Plan and to seek views to inform the development of the priorities for 2013/14.

- 2. Recommendations
- 2.1 That Cabinets views are sought.
- 3. **Background**
- 3.1 The Success for All Children Group is the partnership arrangement for services delivered or children and young people across Southend. As part of its work the Success for All Children Group agrees priorities and develops and monitors the delivery of the annual Children and Young People's Plan.
- 3.2 Each year the Success for All Children Group prepares a report on the delivery of the plan and the impact in improving outcomes. The report is attached as appendix 1. Following this the Success for All Children Group will be updating its needs assessment and setting priorities for 2013.
- 4. Other Options

None

- **Reasons for Recommendations** 5.
- 5.1 To report to the Committee on the work of the Success for All Children Group and to consult on future priorities.

6. **Corporate Implications**

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The Success for All Children Group SFAG leads on work to deliver the corporate priority to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and contributes to the overall vision for a safe, healthy and prosperous Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

None- the Children and Young People's Plan is delivered within the agreed budgets of the contributing agencies

6.3 Legal Implications

None

6.4 People Implications

6.5 **Property Implications**

None

6.6 Consultation

The report was approved at the October Success for All Children Group meeting. Children, young people and staff are consulted in the setting of the priorities and staff across the agencies are involved in developing, delivering and reporting on the Children and Young People's Plan.

6.7 **Equalities and Diversity Implications**

The report covers work to improve outcomes for our most vulnerable children specifically the priority groups of those from low income families and with special educational needs.

6.8 Risk Assessment

None

6.9 Value for Money

The work of the Success for All Children Group had a key contribution to the recent judgement of good with outstanding features for safeguarding and services to looked after children. This combined with information on comparative performance across the region and nationally, suggests that value for money is good.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

The report covers the work we have done to improve community safety through the Youth Offending Service and in relation to safeguarding and domestic violence.

6.11 **Environmental Impact**

None

7. **Background Papers**

None

8. **Appendices**

8.1 Appendix 1 – Success for All Children Group Annual Report