

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
**Report for:** Consideration  
**Report of:** Corporate Director of Children Families and Wellbeing

### Report Title

**Children and Young People's Services Safeguarding Peer Review Letter and Action Plan**

### Summary

Trafford CYPS took part in a Safeguarding Peer Review in February 2013 which involved a team of senior managers and experts from other authorities scrutinising the safeguarding practice and outcomes of children's services and partner agencies and feeding back areas of strength and areas for further consideration. The process undertaken was in accordance with the nationally agreed format for Peer Reviews as part of the work of the Local Government Association.

The final letter in respect of the review findings was received on 5.6.13 and that final letter forms the key element of this report. An action plan has been developed and is in progress in response to the letter and this is also attached for consideration and comment.

### Recommendation(s)

1. To endorse the actions being progressed in response to the findings of the Peer Review;
2. To consider any further actions, where appropriate.

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Background Papers: None.

## **Background**

The Peer Review letter which is set out as a report, explains the process of a Safeguarding Peer Review and the areas of work that were reviewed. These included a set of standard areas of safeguarding work and some areas that Trafford asked the team to consider as they were areas where development work was being focussed in Trafford. These included the development of early help practice in response to the recommendations of Eileen Munro, equality and diversity, and the impact of the Safeguarding Children Board.

The report outlines areas of strength and areas for further consideration under each of the elements of work examined.

The findings of the Peer Review were considered very helpful and reflected our own assessment of the areas of work where further development was needed, but endorsed the progress being made. The findings were fed back to key partners in Trafford on the final day and a draft action plan was developed.

Following receipt of the final letter in June, the action plan has now been finalised and is attached as the second key document for consideration. It outlines the areas of work being progressed and the progress to date and comments and questions about the work will be welcome.

The areas for consideration outlined within the Peer Review letter have been accepted in full and the focus is on implementing effective actions in order to address those areas of work. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the areas for consideration outlined by the Peer Review Team and the actions that have been developed in response to those and to endorse both the Peer Review findings and the work being undertaken in response.