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To: Specialist Children's Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 17 November 2011

Subject: **KENT SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD - OVERVIEW UPDATE REPORT (2011)**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

Provides Members with an overview of the work undertaken by the Board since the October 2010, Ofsted inspection. It highlights the remaining challenges and risks for effective scrutiny of partnership safeguarding activity across Kent.

1. (1) In previous years the Kent Safeguarding Children Board's (KSCB) Annual Report was reported to the autumn cycle of the POSC and then to County Council. Following the changes introduced after the 2010 Ofsted inspection it was agreed, by the new independent chair of the KSCB, that the report would be prepared for the end of the year. Consequently the full annual report will be reported to the POSC on 17 January 2012.

(2) Attached, as an appendix, is an interim report which provides an overview of the work since the Ofsted inspection.

Recommendations

2. (1) The Specialist Children's Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- (a) NOTE the progress that has been made since the inspection and challenges that remain in relation to quality assurance, project management and business planning
- (b) COMMENT ON the attached Overview update report.

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Background documents:
Appendix A: KSCB Overview Update Report (2011)