

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Stroud District Council Safeguarding Actions for 2018/19 - Section 11 Self Assessment Audit Tool</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To inform on the Stroud District Council Safeguarding Actions for 2018/19.
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RESOLVES to note the report</b>
<b>Financial Implications and Risk Assessment</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report Adele Rudkin - Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: <a href="mailto:adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk">adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk</a>
<b>Legal Implications</b>	The Children Act 2004 places duties on local authorities with regard to the promotion and safeguarding of the welfare of children. The appendices include actions taken and / or proposed by the Council and an independent review of the appropriateness of its assessment of the Council's position. The latter review indicates that the Council's approach is consistent with ensuring it meets its relevant statutory responsibilities. (Ref: rc15.3) Alan Carr, Solicitor Tel: 01453 754357 Email: <a href="mailto:alan.carr@stroud.gov.uk">alan.carr@stroud.gov.uk</a>
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<b>Performance Management Follow Up</b>	Update on SDC Safeguarding Actions 2018/19 progress to performance monitoring members
<b>Background Papers/ Appendices</b>	Appendix 1: Gloucestershire Section 11 Self Assessment Audit Tool (Standards for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children) Appendix 2: S11 Checklist – GSCB (Gloucestershire Safeguarding Childrens Board)

**1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** Section 11 of the Children Act 2004, places a duty on all Local Authorities, organisations and individuals to ensure that their functions and any services that they contract out to others, are discharged having regard to the need to Safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- 1.2** Section 10 of the Children Act 2004, places a duty on all Local Authorities and organisations, to make arrangements to promote cooperation to improve the well-being of all children by working better together. The aim is to take a coordinated approach to ensure that effective Safeguarding arrangements are in place. A range of individual organisations and professionals, working directly with children and

families, have specific statutory duties to promote the welfare of children and ensure that they are protected from harm.

- 1.3** The Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board (GSCB) work with and ensure that all Local Authorities and key organisations within the county, that are working with children and young people and complying with statutory guidance.
- 1.4** GSCB monitors Section 11 duties of the Children Act 2004 by way of an annual audit document; the Gloucestershire Section 11 Self Assessment Audit Tool (Standards for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children) Appendix 1.
- 1.5** The GSCB Section 11 Self-Assessment Audit Tool has three levels for organisations to rank their performance, ranging from 1 (not met) to 3 (fully met).
- 1.6** The County has only just provided a response shown at Appendix 2 (S11 Checklist – GSCB Business Unit). They have reviewed our document and stated whether the rating (1-3) are supported or not and where further action is needed. They have also stated that the quality of our return was very good and the ratings are appropriate and in-line with the information and evidence that has been provided, and there are clear improvement actions identified.
- 1.7** Taking into account the feedback from GSCB we will now work on the actions identified in both the Section 11 Self-Assessment Audit Tool and the S11 Checklist – GSCB Business Unit and report progress through the Performance Monitoring members.