

COMMITTEE: CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE: 1ST JULY 2004

SUBJECT: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL		COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	✓	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. To inform the Panel of the outcome of the audit of service capacity undertaken in accordance with the recommendation of the Laming enquiry into the death of Victoria Climbié, and the action plan agreed by the Administration Committee on 1st June 2004.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Children's Services Scrutiny is recommended to note the report.

REPORT

3. The attached report of the Administration Committee summarises the action plan for an increase in staffing capacity and funding source.

4. The report of the capacity audit includes an action plan for service delivery and increase in resources funded by the allocation of £431,000 Safeguarding Children Grant from Central Government.
5. We are now in the process of recruiting to the new posts and effecting internal practice changes as identified in the capacity audit.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

6. See attached reports – Appendix A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. See attached reports- Appendix A

APPENDIX

8. Report to Administration Committee 1st June 2004
Safeguarding Children Grant
9. And background papers – Capacity Audit report

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

10. Committee Report Ref: ADMC/6/7.1