

SUBJECT: Corporate Safeguarding Policy

MEETING: Council

DATE: 10th May 2018

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: County wide

1. PURPOSE:

To inform Members of some proposed changes to the Corporate Safeguarding Policy adopted in July 2017

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Members agree and adopt the amended Corporate Safeguarding Policy

3. KEY ISSUES:

- Safeguarding children and adults at risk has the very highest priority in the Council.
- The following changes to the policy adopted in July 2017 are suggested
 - Firstly to simplify and reflect training requirements as outlined in the Safeguarding Learning and Development Strategy and;
 - Secondly to provide clarity within the role description for the Directorate Safeguarding Lead and confirm that representation on the Whole Authority Safeguarding Group is Head of Service or Chief Officer
- The Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014, sets out responsibility for safeguarding children and adults at risk. Considerable progress has been made over the last 5 years to systematically embed safeguarding culture, knowledge and practice.
- All staff, paid and unpaid, and Councillors have a responsibility both corporately and individually to ensure that children and adults at risk are treated with respect and protected from harm.
- A clear policy position is essential to effective safeguarding. The policy will provide clarity of governance, roles and responsibilities, training and for ensuring that safeguarding is firmly placed as core to the business of the council.

4. REASONS:

The Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 strengthens existing safeguarding practice to ensure that people are able to live their lives to the full. It places safeguarding adults at risk on the same statutory basis as safeguarding children.

There is an overarching duty to promote the well-being of people who need care and support and every service within the Council has a role to play and has to take full ownership of their safeguarding responsibilities.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Any resources required to implement this policy will be found from within existing service budgets

6. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

The policy is to assure Members around the level of safeguarding practice which is essential to the well-being of future generations.

7. CONSULTEES:

SLT
Cabinet
Whole Authority Safeguarding Working Group

All comments received have been incorporated into the policy

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

WASG Self evaluation
Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014

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