

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 01 April 2019

Portfolio: Health and Public Protection
Subject: **Safeguarding Policy**
Report of: Director of Planning and Regulation
Corporate Priorities: Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities

Purpose:
To agree the Council's Safeguarding Policy.

Executive summary:
The Council's Safeguarding Policy has been updated in accordance with new legislation and is set out at Appendix A. Clear safeguarding procedures are also proposed to make reporting easy to follow, and are set out at Appendix B.

Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Executive:

- (a) considers the updated Safeguarding Policy (set out at Appendix A); and
- (b) recommends the Policy to Council for adoption.

Reason:
To ensure that Fareham Borough Council meets its statutory obligations and has a robust, up-to-date, safeguarding policy in place.

Cost of proposals:
There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Appendices: **A: Updated Safeguarding Policy (with annexed leaflet)**
B: Proposed safeguarding procedures

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Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. Safeguarding is a statutory function for local authorities and has recently seen further duties added which include modern slavery, Prevent, forced marriage, child sexual exploitation and female genital mutilation.
2. In order that the Council is actively safeguarding vulnerable individuals within our communities, we must ensure that we have a robust policy and procedures in place to guide staff, Members and our partners in all safeguarding matters. Staff and councillors need to be well trained to recognise the signs and symptoms of safeguarding issues and know how to report them accordingly. An easy reference short leaflet accompanies the Safeguarding Policy, providing staff and councillors with a quick reference guide.
3. The updated Safeguarding Policy sets out the Council's legal responsibilities, processes and procedures. The proposed policy is set out at Appendix A to the Executive report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

4. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

5. It is requested that the Executive considers and recommends the updated Safeguarding Policy to Council for adoption.

Enquiries:

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