

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Council

18 April 2019

*Subject:* **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

*Report of:* **Director of Leisure and Community**

#### **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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council adopts the updated Safeguarding Policy, as set out at Appendix A to the report.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Safeguarding is a statutory function for local authorities as set out in the Care Act 2014 and the Children's Act 1989 and 2004. Further duties have been 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 trained to recognise the signs and symptoms of safeguarding issues and know how to report them. 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 this report.
4. Training will be provided to all staff, councillors and contractors and a page introduced on the intranet allocated to safeguarding for easy reference. Staff induction procedures will also be changed to include the new policy and to raise awareness of how to report safeguarding concerns.
5. The Safeguarding Policy was considered by The Executive on the 1 April 2019 and recommended for adoption by Council, together with a recommendation that a members briefing is delivered.

## **CONCLUSION**

6. In order to meet statutory obligations and safeguarding responsibilities, the new Safeguarding Policy enables the Council to keep children and vulnerable adults safe.

**Appendices:** Appendix A: Draft Safeguarding Policy and leaflet

**Background Papers:**

**Reference Papers:**

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