

 <b>Executive</b> <b>3 October 2019</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>4</b>
<b>Title</b>	Safeguarding Adults and Children Policy	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	N/A	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	N/A	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	Yes (ref 1033)
<b>Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	Yes
Equality Impact Assessments have been started. The safeguarding policy is designed to ensure that the most vulnerable in society are referred for support.	

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	22/8/19	Chris Elliott, Bill Hunt, Andrew Jones
Head of Service	19/8/19	Lisa Barker
CMT	4/9/19	Chris Elliott, Bill Hunt, Andrew Jones
Section 151 Officer	N/A	N/A
Monitoring Officer	4/9/19	Andrew Jones
Finance	N/A	N/A
Portfolio Holder(s)	22/8/19	Judith Falp
<b>Consultation &amp; Community Engagement</b>		
Not applicable		
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes	
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## 1. **Summary**

- 1.1 This report seeks Executive approval for a new Safeguarding Adults and Children policy (see Appendix 1 to this report).

## 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Executive approve the Safeguarding Adults and Children policy at Appendix 1 and agrees that approval for any future minor changes is delegated to the Head of Housing and/or the Head of Health and Community Protection, in consultation with the Member Champions for Safeguarding.

## 3. **Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Council has an existing safeguarding policy which includes adults but not children. Cultural Services has its own separate safeguarding policy for adults and children but it is specific for that service area. The new policy has been developed to include comprehensive safeguarding guidance for adults and children in one document.
- 3.2 As the new policy will need to be updated from time to time with minor changes to reflect changes in legislation and good practice, it is recognised that it would be more practical for these changes to be agreed by the Head of Housing and/or the Head of Health and Community Protection following consultation with the Member Champions for Safeguarding, rather than formal approval by Executive.

## 4. **Policy Framework**

### 4.1 **Fit for the Future (FFF)**

The Council's FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. To that end amongst other things the FFF Strategy contains several Key projects.

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council's FFF Strategy.

<b>FFF Strands</b>		
<b>People</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Money</b>
<b>External</b>		
<b>Health, Homes, Communities</b>	<b>Green, Clean, Safe</b>	<b>Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment</b>
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels

<b>Impacts of Proposal</b>		
Ensuring that adults and children are safeguarded contributes to better health	Ensuring that adults and children are safeguarded contributes to better services	None
<b>Internal</b>		
<b>Effective Staff</b>	<b>Maintain or Improve Services</b>	<b>Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term</b>
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers' needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
<b>Impacts of Proposal</b>		
As safeguarding is everyone's business, all staff know how to report a safeguarding concern.	We ensure a consistent approach to safeguarding by adopting a corporate policy.	None

#### 4.2 **Supporting Strategies**

Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies and the relevant ones for this proposal are the Service Area Plan 2019-20 which gives an overview of managing service delivery, including safeguarding and the Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2017-2020 which promotes health and well-being, safer communities and sustainability.

#### 4.3 **Changes to Existing Policies**

It is proposed that the new policy for adults and children will replace the current policy.

#### 4.4 **Impact Assessments**

This report does not propose any changes to existing strategies therefore no new or significant changes are proposed in respect of equalities.

#### 5. **Budgetary Framework**

5.1 This report has no financial or budgetary implications for this council.

#### 6. **Risks**

6.1 If we fail to deliver safeguarding, children and adults would be at risk of harm.

#### 7. **Alternative Option(s) considered**

7.1 No other options have been considered.

## 8. **Background**

8.1 The current safeguarding policy had originally been produced in conjunction with four other Warwickshire district and borough councils, with the latest revision in August 2015. This policy included guidance and procedures for safeguarding adults with care and support needs only.

8.2 The need to develop one corporate safeguarding policy for both adults and children, rather than having separate service-specific policies, has become apparent given that safeguarding is everyone's business and a high-profile issue.

8.3 The council has a statutory duty to co-operate with section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The Care Act 2014 also places a duty to protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect.

8.5 The new policy has been developed after consultation with Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services team, Prevent Officer, Safeguarding Warwickshire (this is a new partnership which combined Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board and Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board), together with feedback from the council's Safeguarding Group and the four local district and borough councils.

8.6 A set of comprehensive procedures is being developed for use by officers and councillors.