



Report for:	Cabinet
Date of meeting:	19th March 2019
Part:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Update Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse policies
Contact:	Neil Harden, Portfolio Holder for Community and Regulatory Services Author/Responsible Officer : Jon Chapman, Safeguarding Lead Officer
Purpose of report:	To allow Cabinet to agree updates to Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse Policies
Recommendations	That Cabinet agree the annexed: 1) Children, Young People & Adult at risk Safeguarding Policy and Procedures 2) Domestic Abuse Policy
Corporate Objectives:	Building strong and vibrant communities
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> None
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u> None
Risk Implications	No individual risks for these existing policies. The intention of this report is to comply with legislation and therefore avoid the risk of non-compliance.

Community Impact Assessment	Addressed in policies
Health And Safety Implications	No individual health and safety implications for these existing policies
Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer Comments	<p>Monitoring Officer:</p> <p>The updated policies will help to ensure that the Council complies with the latest statutory framework, guidance and best practice.</p> <p>Deputy S.151 Officer:</p> <p>There are no direct financial impact of the implementation of these policies.</p>
Consultees:	<p>CMT</p> <p>Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding Group</p> <p>Housing Group managers/Team Leaders</p>
Background papers:	Policy Documents
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	As policies

Background

1. As part of the overall Safeguarding review the below policies have been updated.
 - 1) Children, Young People & Adult at risk Safeguarding Policy and Procedures 2017-2020
 - 2) Domestic Abuse Policy 2014

Both Policies have now been reviewed and are ready for Cabinet sign off.

Process

2. Both policies have been reviewed by the Safeguarding Lead Officer and distributed for wider consultation to:-
 - Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse Group
 - Key interested members of staff.

All feedback and comments has been incorporated or addressed.

Both policies have been seen and signed off by CMT.

Key changes

3. The Safeguarding Policy had been previously significantly updated and signed off in November 2017; this included the merging of the previous Children and Vulnerable Adult policy.

There are no key procedural changes in this policy but mainly updating and amendment to language used.

The Domestic Abuse Policy was more outdated and required significant updating of Legislation and procedure. It also gave the opportunity to recognise recent developments such as the Council Housing pledge to The Chartered Institute of Housing 'Make a Stand' pledge to adopt minimum standards for survivors of Domestic Abuse and the support to survivors and staff which is now available.

A suggested flowchart on reporting and considerations has also been added.

If agreed the policies will be published on the Council website and internal intranet and used for a focus for refreshed training for staff.