

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Cabinet**

**28 June 2017**

**Safeguarding Adults Policy**

**Report of Councillor J Lilley, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Community Safety, Equality & Diversity and Health**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To seek members approval on changes to the Safeguarding Adults Policy.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 Following changes to DCC safeguarding procedures, changes to legislation and guidance a revised policy (Safeguarding Adults Policy) taking account of these changes is contained in **Appendix A**. This revised policy is intended to replace the current Safeguarding Adult Policy (2013).
- 1.2. The revised policy has been reviewed by Scrutiny Members and approved by DCC safeguarding experts.
- 1.3 Since the last update report Safeguarding Link Officers have been amended this reflects changes in the duties and focus of various officers. The Safeguarding Link Officers are currently:
  - Lee Hickin – Joint Assistant Director Leisure (Acting Lead Officer)
  - Dawn Clarke – Joint Assistant Director Finance and Revenues and Benefits
  - Janice Bartrop – HR Officer
  - Rachael Pope – Customer Services Manager
  - Karl Apps – Housing Strategy and Growth Manager
  - Di Parker – Housing Policy & Intelligence Officer
  - Lee Pepper – Housing Options Team Leader
- 1.4 A joint Corporate Safeguarding Officer Group incorporating BDC, NEDDC and Rykneld Homes meets on a bi-monthly basis to ensure that activity around safeguarding is co-ordinated and learning is shared.
- 1.5 As part of the current process for publicising these policies, information is available via NEDi (the Council's Intranet) a dedicated safeguarding page is available. The policy will also be published on the Council's website. However, upon the adoption

of the new Policy by Members, further comprehensive guidance and referral forms will be made available on NEDi.

1.6 Other activities to raise awareness of safeguarding have included:

- A revision to the staff quick reference cards which detail signs of abuse, how to refer and contact details for all Safeguarding Link Officers and has been distributed to all staff and Members.
- Dedicated Safeguarding page on NEDi which will be updated with details of the new Adult Safeguarding Policy upon adoption.
- Regular bulletins on NEDi, including encouraging staff to attend either DCC or internal safeguarding training.
- Vulnerable Adults Risk Management (VARM) training has been provided by DCC and DFRS to relevant staff.
- Vulnerable Adults Risk Management (VARM) policy has been adopted by the Council and publicised through NEDi and the Council's new website
- Safeguarding will have its page on the Council website and the search function will be improved so it is easily accessible.
- Safeguarding awareness training for Elected Members and staff has been completed from January to March 2017.
  - Other individual training has also been undertaken by appropriate officers e.g. VARM training

1.7 Further work is being undertaken in licensing, particularly in connection with Taxi licensing.

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

2.1 That the Safeguarding Adults Policy needs to be updated in light of changes introduced by Derbyshire County Council and to reflect changes in good practice.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

3.1 The policy has been reviewed by appropriate safeguarding officers at Derbyshire County Council.

3.2. The policy has been reviewed and amended following comment by the appropriate safeguarding officers at Derbyshire County Council.

3.3 The amended policy has been reviewed by Scrutiny members on 27 April 2017 and comments received have been taken into consideration.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 None

## **5 Implications**

### 5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

All Derbyshire County Council multi-agency training on safeguarding is free of charge. Though it should be noted that costs would be incurred for travel and potentially some back filling of roles for staff who are attending training.

Internal safeguarding training is funded from the Learning and Development budget and costs between £4,000 and £5,000 to run 8 sessions per annum at localities across the Strategic Alliance.

### 5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

The Council has a duty to ensure it places appropriate emphasis on safeguarding both Children and Vulnerable Adults through various pieces of legislation. The main legislation for this policy area is the Care Act 2014.

### 5.3 Human Resources Implications

None

## 6 Recommendations

6.1 That members approve the Safeguarding Adults Policy.

6.2 That the report is noted.

## 7 Decision Information

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	All

**8 Document Information**

Appendix No	Title	
A	Safeguarding Adults Policy	
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)		
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