

Cabinet

22 March 2017



Title	Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and Procedures 2017-2018		
Purpose of the report	To make a Key Decision		
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Cabinet Member	Councillor Maureen Attewell	Confidential	No
Corporate Priority	This item is not in the current list of Corporate priorities but still requires a Cabinet decision		
Recommendations	Cabinet is asked to: Approve the policy Delegate authority to the portfolio holder to approve any minor amendments to the policy such as procedure changes and telephone numbers.		
Reason for Recommendation	It is statutory requirement for the Council to have a Safeguarding Policy.		

1. Key issues

- 1.1 The Spelthorne Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and Procedure 2017-2018 has been written to replace the existing Children's Safeguarding Policy and Adults at Risk Policy.
- 1.2 The Surrey District and Borough Safeguarding Leads Group compiled a Safeguarding template for use by all Boroughs and Districts. This template has been used to compile the Spelthorne policy. The template was written in liaison with all Boroughs and Districts and in liaison with Surrey County Council and includes all the latest guidance, including information in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation, Prevent (preventing radicalisation and extremism) and Modern Slavery.
- 1.3 A robust Safeguarding Policy and procedure is required to ensure that Spelthorne Borough Council complies with our statutory duty under section 11 of the Children's Act 2004 and under the Care Act 2014.

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and Procedures 2017-2018 (appendix 1).
- 2.2 Delegate authority to the portfolio holder to approve any minor amendments to the policy, such as contact details and procedure changes instigated by Surrey County Council Safeguarding Boards.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 There are no new financial implications in relation to the adoption of this strategy. Safeguarding training continues to be provided by e learning, Surrey learn partnership and Surrey Safeguarding Boards, to which Spelthorne make a contribution. Time out to attend training is an operational cost.

4. Other considerations

- 4.1 There are none.

5. Timetable for implementation

- 5.1 The policy will be implemented immediately upon approval and will be communicated to staff.

Background papers: There are none

Appendices:

App. 1 Safeguarding Children and Adults Policy and Procedures 2017-2018