

Cabinet

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Title: Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy 2020-2022

Purpose	To make a decision	
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Cabinet Member	Councillor Maureen Attewell	Confidential No
Corporate Priority	Clean and Safe Environment	
Recommendations	Cabinet/Council is asked to: 1. Approve the attached policy 2. Delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder to and the Designated Strategic Lead for Safeguarding to approve any minor amendments to the policy such as procedure changes and telephone numbers.	
Reason for Recommendation	Cabinet is being asked to take this decision because 1. It is statutory requirement for the Council to have a Safeguarding Policy. 2. Minor changes to procedures and personnel will inevitably occur and as such the policy will need updating to reflect this. Delegation of approval to the Portfolio Holder and the Designated Strategic Lead for Safeguarding would expedite this process. 3. Any major changes or updates will seek the appropriate approval.	

1. Key issues

- 1.1 A robust Safeguarding Policy for both adults and children 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.
- 1.2 Spelthorne's Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy 2020-2022 has been written to update and replace the previous version. It covers all aspects of safeguarding best practice as well as the national and local context upon which the Councils policies are based.

- 1.3 The safeguarding of children and adults at risk are governed by separate legislation and separate Surrey County Council safeguarding boards. The policy therefore considers the safeguarding of children and adults at risk independently, before addressing where there is overlap between the two safeguarding areas
- 1.4 In context, the policy complements and supports the agreed multi-agency procedures set down by the Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board and sets out how Spelthorne Borough Council will work independently and alongside other agencies to meet its obligations to safeguard children and adults at risk.
- 1.5 This policy applies equally to staff, agency workers, volunteers and contractors employed by the Council. It is also applicable to Councillors undertaking official duties on behalf of the Council.

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 As a statutory document, Cabinet is asked to approve Spelthorne's Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy 2020-2022 (See Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Additional supplementary information relating to the Council's context, how we operate within the Surrey Safeguarding structure and information on how to identify forms of and indicators of abuse in adults and children is included in the Spelthorne Safeguarding Handbook (See Appendix 2).
- 2.3 It is proposed that approval is given to delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder and the Designated Strategic Lead for Safeguarding to approve any minor amendments to the policy, such as contact details and minor procedural changes instigated by Surrey County Council Safeguarding Boards. Failure to do this would require any updates to be approved by Cabinet.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 There are currently no known financial implications in relation to the adoption of this strategy.
- 3.2 Basic safeguarding training for staff continues to be provided by e learning. It is proposed to run a refresher training session for Councillors in the near future based the entry level on line staff training. More advanced training for safeguarding champions is provided through the Surrey Safeguarding Boards for adults and children, to which Spelthorne make a financial contribution. Time out to attend training is an operational cost.

4. Other considerations

- 4.1 All staff are required to complete the Equality and Diversity e-learning modules to increase awareness and enhance understating in this area.
- 4.2 An Equality Impact Assessment has been created against this Policy (See Appendix 3)

5. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

- 5.1 The recommendations detailed are unlikely to impact sustainability and/or climate change issues

6. Timetable for implementation

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

Background papers:

None

Appendices:

List as Appendix A, B etc with a short description of each

The name of the document you send to Committees should be identical to how you list it here.

Appendix 1 - Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy 2020-2022

Appendix 2 – Spelthorne Safeguarding Handbook.

Appendix 3 – Spelthorne Safeguarding Equality Impact Assessment