

# HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

**SUBJECT :**  
**CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the policy is to set out the roles and responsibilities of the Council workforce including elected members and to ensure everyone is clear on their obligations to promote the safety and well-being of children, young people and adults at risk.

**THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO: -**

Consider and comment on the revised Corporate Safeguarding Policy.

**Reason(s)**

During the period July to August 2023, Wales Audit Office completed a review of Carmarthenshire County Council's corporate safeguarding arrangements. One of the recommendations following the review was a revision of the Corporate Safeguarding Policy that covers all the council's service areas.

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-**

**Cllr. J. Tremlett, Health & Social Services Portfolio Holder**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This Corporate Safeguarding Policy provides a framework for every Directorate and Service area within and across the Council. It sets out individual and collective responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and protecting children and adults at risk and establishes a governance structure which has oversight of the arrangements to safeguard children and adults at risk. It lays out the methods by which the Council will be assured that it is fulfilling its duties and that effective practices are in place to support individuals to live their life free from harm, abuse and neglect in a wide range of settings including home, hospital, school, learning environments, peer/friendship groups, neighbourhoods, communities and online spaces. In Carmarthenshire Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?**

**YES – Corporate Safeguarding Policy**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **Avril Bracey**

**Head of Adult Social Care**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 5. Risk Management Issues

Safeguarding is everyone's business. The Safeguarding Policy provides a framework for every directorate and service across the Council. It sets out responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and protects children and adults at risk. This is necessary for the Council to be assured it is fulfilling its duties in this regard.

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**  
YES

**Include any observations here**

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**  
**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THERE ARE NONE**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection