

CABINET
11TH DECEMBER 2023

SUBJECT:
REVISION OF THE CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To endorse the revised policy.

REASONS:

The Corporate Safeguarding Policy will ensure that there is satisfactory governance in place across the Authority in relation to the Safeguarding of Children and Adults.

Cabinet Decision Required	Yes – 11 th December, 2023
Council Decision Required	No

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. J. Tremlett (Health & Social Services Portfolio Holder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REVISION OF THE CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

During the period July to August 2023 the Wales Audit Office completed a review of the assurance and accountability arrangements of Carmarthenshire County Council for ensuring that safeguarding policies and procedures are in place and are being adhered to. The review examined what the Council itself has done to seek assurance that its arrangements to support safeguarding are effective by reviewing how the Council is discharging its safeguarding responsibilities at all levels: cabinet, senior management team, scrutiny, and individual officers.

The study focussed on answering the following: Do the Council's governance and management arrangements provide assurance that children are safeguarded?

The main questions that the review sought to answer were:

- Are there clear governance, accountability and management arrangements for overseeing whether the Council is meeting its safeguarding responsibilities in relation to children and adults.
- Is the Council monitoring and evaluating appropriate information, which provides assurance that it is meeting its safeguarding responsibilities to children and adults?
- Are assurance systems operating effectively?

One of the recommendations is a revision of the corporate Safeguarding Policy that covers all the Council's service areas.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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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 and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	People Management	Physical Assets
None	None	None	None	Yes	None	None

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.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken place.

Signed: **Avril Bracey** Head of Adult Social Care

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination

NO

Scrutiny Committee

Date the report was considered:-

Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-

2. Local Member(s)

N/A

2. Community / Town Council

N/A

3. Relevant Partners

N/A

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

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