

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places (Introduced by the Executive Member for People)	Executive Cabinet	13 September 2012

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS – POLICY AND PROCEDURE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek Member approval for adoption of a policy and procedure relating to dealing with adult safeguarding issues that representatives of Chorley Council may encounter

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Executive Members are asked to approve the policy and procedure for ensuring concerns raised by Council representatives in relation to adult safeguarding are properly dealt with.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. The Council's current adult safeguarding arrangements and documentation is limited to activities and services provided at Cotswold House. A recent external audit of the Council's provisions has identified a gap in policy and procedures across the rest of the Council where officers and Members may come across adult safeguarding issues or receive disclosures of abuse from adult victims.
4. A small team of officers has developed the policy and procedure at Appendix A which follows the format and reporting mechanisms adopted by Members in October 2011 for children and young people safeguarding purposes.
5. The approval of the policy and procedure will result in the need for some briefings for officers and Councillors to ensure they are fully aware of their responsibilities and the reporting mechanisms in place.
6. Once approved the policy will be subject to an integrated impact assessment and reviewed in line with review date for the Children and Young Person Safeguarding Policy.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

7. To ensure there is a coherent policy and documented procedure for dealing with concerns relating to adult safeguarding

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

9. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support	✓	Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy		Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	
Safe Respectful Communities	✓	Quality Community Services and Spaces	
Vibrant Local Economy		Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			✓

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

10. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	✓
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	✓
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

11. This report contains a policy proposal only and does not have any financial impact for the Council's budget.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

12. A policy addressing the council's approach to safeguarding vulnerable adults is desirable and will provide essential guidance to staff and Councillors.

COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS

13. This policy will relate to people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act, particularly disabled people and older people. The policy is designed to safeguard them from harm, and an integrated impact assessment will be undertaken to ensure that consideration is made in the policy's implementation to equality and diversity.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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