

## **Item 10 - Safeguarding Policy**

The attached report was considered by the People & Places Advisory Committee on 1 March 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

### **Safeguarding Policy (1 March 2022, Minute 41)**

The Chief Officer (People & Places) presented the report which informed the Committee of the updated Safeguarding Policy which reflected all changes in legislation and working practices.

The Council had an Officer Safeguarding Group which oversaw safeguarding work and was responsible for updating and maintaining the Policy. The policy had been updated to take into account various changes in legislation and working practices.

The main aims of the policy were to:

- Raise awareness of the duties and responsibilities for children, young people and adults at risk of harm
- Encourage good practice among staff, elected members, volunteers and contractors, to safeguard children and adults at risk who receive Council services
- Provide clear guidance on procedures to be adopted if it is suspected that an adult, young person or child may be at risk of harm

The Committee discussed the report.

It was noted that on page 44 of the agenda, question b, the final column of the table should be altered to include 'young people'. The typographical error would need to be corrected.

### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That subject to the correction of typographical errors, it be recommended to Cabinet that it be recommended to Council, to adopt the updated Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy.