

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL  
SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CABINET  
BOARD**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Report of the Head of Children and Young People Services  
- Keri Warren**

**Matter for Information Only**

**Wards Affected All Wards**

**REVISED NEATH & PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
(NPTCBC) CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

**1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to share with Committee and Members the recently revised Corporate Safeguarding Policy. It is critical that all those who work for and with the Council are fully cognisant of this document.

**2. Background**

This Corporate Safeguarding Policy provides a framework for every Directorate and Service area within and across the Council. It sets out responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and protecting children and adults. 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: home, school, learning environments, peer/friendship groups, neighbourhoods, communities and online spaces.

**3. Financial Impacts**

No Impacts.

**4. Integrated Impact assessment**

Not applicable.

**5. Valleys Communities Impact**

This is a cross directorate policy covering NPTCBC in its entirety.

## **6. Workforce Impacts**

No impact beyond ensuring the entire workforce are sufficiently trained to recognise and respond to signs of abuse and neglect across the life-course.

## **7. Legal impacts**

No impacts; NPTCBC is required to have a Corporate Safeguarding Policy.

## **8. Risk Assessment Impacts**

There are no risk management requirements arising from this report.

## **9. Crime and Disorder Impacts**

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have “due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

- a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);
- b) The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and
- c) Re-offending the area”.

The Corporate Safeguarding Policy compliments and strengthens the Local Authority’s position under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

## **10. Counter Terrorism Impacts**

The Corporate Safeguarding Policy compliments and strengthens the Local Authority’s duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

## **11. Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:**

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which:

- (a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
- (b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

The Corporate Safeguarding Policy compliments and strengthens the Local Authority’s position in respect of the above duty, for example, a

renewed emphasis on recognising and responding to harm outside the family home e.g. Sexual Exploitation.

## **12. Consultation**

This document is now in step with the Corporate Safeguarding Good Practice Guidance (WLGA, 2021). It has been widely consulted on across all Directorates and drafted by the Corporate Safeguarding Group. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

## **13. Recommendations**

It is recommended that Members note this item as information only and thereafter are fully cognisant of it in their roles.

## **14. Reasons for Proposed Decision**

Not applicable.

## **15. Implementation of Decision**

Following the item, being noted by Members the Corporate Safeguarding Policy will be published on the Intranet and will be a public facing document.

## **16. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Corporate Safeguarding Policy.

## **17. Background Papers**

None.

## **18. Officer Contact**

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