

**COMMUNITY WELL-BEING PDG
7 JUNE 2016:**

SAFEGUARDING POLICY, GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES

Cabinet Member Cllr Mrs M E Squires, Cabinet Member for Working Environment and Support Services
Responsible Officer Amy Tregellas, Head of Communities & Governance

Reason for Report: To provide Members with the updated Safeguarding Policy, Guidance and Procedures.

RECOMMENDATION: That the PDG recommends the Devon District Councils joint Safeguarding Policy (Appendix A) and the MDDC guidance and procedures (Appendix B) to Cabinet for approval.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: Safeguarding is a corporate matter which overarches the Corporate Plan.

Financial Implications: None identified

Legal Implications: If we do not have appropriate policies and procedures in place we may not meet the requirements of relevant Safeguarding legislation i.e. the Children's Act 2004, Care Act 2014, etc

Risk Assessment: Failure to have adequate policies and procedures in place may result in harm or injury to a child or vulnerable adult

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring forward the updated Safeguarding Policy along with guidance and procedures for Members consideration and approval.
- 1.2 The Head of Communities and Governance has been working with the other Devon Districts on a joint Safeguarding Policy for all of the Council's to adopt and this document is attached as Appendix A.
- 1.3 As well as the revised policy the Head of Communities and Governance has reviewed and updated the guidance and procedures for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. This contains new information in terms of recognising Adults at risk as per the Care Act 2014.
- 1.4 Following Committee approval the Head of Communities and Governance will circulate the revised policy to all officers and Members and also facilitate training for relevant officers.

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Circulation of the Report: Management Team and Cabinet Member