

CABINET MEETING: 24 JANUARY 2019

CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING BOARD PROGRESS REPORT

**FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE (COUNCILLOR
CHRIS WEAVER)**

AGENDA ITEM: 5

Reason for this Report

1. For Cabinet to formally accept the Corporate Safeguarding Board Progress Report.

Background

2. Corporate Safeguarding is the activity required by all Council Directorates to effectively protect the health, wellbeing and human rights of children and adults so that they are able to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. In accordance with the legislative requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act (2014) (SSWBA).
3. Safeguarding is everybody's business and the SSWBA now imposes a duty on local authorities and other statutory partners to report all safeguarding concerns to relevant safeguarding departments. This means the whole workforce must understand their duty to report. In order to effectively implement these duties and activities, the Board must seek to ensure that all staff are compliant and fully understand their duties under the Act.
4. In line with the expectations of the Corporate Safeguarding Board a report should be submitted to Cabinet, at least annually, informing them of progress to date and emerging actions and themes across the authority.

Issues

5. The progress report provides an overview of Safeguarding within Cardiff for the last 18 months. In future all reports will be on an annual basis, or more frequent if particular issues arise. Future reports will be based on a performance data set which allows reporting of progress and impact against a suite of measures which together allow a meaningful analysis to be made of the effectiveness of Corporate Safeguarding.

Reason for Recommendations

6. To accept the progress report and its contents.
7. To guide and promote the work of the Corporate Safeguarding Board.

Scrutiny Consideration

8. This issue was considered by Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2019 and the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee on 15 January 2019. The letter from the Chair of Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee is attached as Appendix B. The letter from the Chair of the Committee will be circulated at the Cabinet meeting.

Financial Implications

9. The progress report set out in Appendix A contains an update on the 2018/19 action plan which forms the work programme for the Corporate Safeguarding Board for 2018/19. The costs associated with the delivery of the action plan can be contained within the overall directorate budget. However, in the event of any costs arising from the delivery of these outcomes, then funding sources will need to be identified before those actions can be progressed.

Legal Implications

10. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

HR Implications

11. There are a number of requirements of employees outlined in the progress report and there will need to be clear communication of what those requirements are. In addition, it is identified that a review is to take place with regards to safer recruitment practices and this will need to be done in conjunction with HR.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to approve the Corporate Safeguarding Board, Corporate Safeguarding Progress Report (Appendix A)

SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	CLAIRE MARCHANT DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES
	18 January 2019

The following appendices are attached:

Appendix A – Cardiff Council Corporate Safeguarding Progress Report

Appendix B – Letters from Chair of Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee and Chair of Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee