

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Cabinet 10 April 2019
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Report title	City of Wolverhampton Council Safeguarding Statement	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Adults Councillor Paul Sweet, Children and Young People	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All Wards	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel	16 January 2019 5 February 2019

Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

Approve the Safeguarding Statement for the City of Wolverhampton Council.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To present to Cabinet the final City of Wolverhampton Council Safeguarding Statement that sets out the Council's commitment and ownership of safeguarding and how this is demonstrated across the whole organisation.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In Autumn 2018 discussions took place regarding how the organisation's commitments to safeguarding across the Council was evidenced, together with demonstrating the positive contribution of Councillors, Employees and Volunteers to the safeguarding agenda.
- 2.2 This was discussed further at the quarterly Leader's Safeguarding Briefing and it was agreed that a suite of safeguarding standards, which could be owned and embraced by the whole organisation, irrespective of different roles and responsibilities, would be developed.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 A draft Safeguarding Statement has been developed and presented to both Children and Young People and Adult and Safer City Scrutiny panels where comments were sought into the content, layout and presentation of the document. Appendix 1 is the final proposed version.

4.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 4.1 This is a new document. Consideration was given to not having a Safeguarding Statement although this was discarded as an option during consultation with Councillors and senior Council employees.

5.0 Reasons for decision

- 5.1 The Safeguarding Statement presents a statement of the Council's commitment to safeguarding. It sets out the standards the Council is committed to in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, and how this is demonstrated and owned across the whole organisation regardless of role or position.

6.0 Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

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7.0 Legal implications

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.
The 'Safeguarding Statement' supports WCC's safeguarding responsibilities

[TC/27032019/T]

8.0 Equalities implications

- 8.1 The 'Safeguarding Statement' is reflective of the Council's responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.

9.0 Environmental implications

- 9.1 There are no environmental implications identified arising from this report.

10.0 Human resources implications

- 10.1 There are no environmental implications identified arising from this report.

11.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 11.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from this report.

12.0 Health and Wellbeing Implications

- 12.1 There are no Health and Wellbeing implications arising from this report.

13.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – City of Wolverhampton Council Safeguarding Statement