



Meeting of the City Council

16 July 2014

Report title	Changes to the Constitution	
Referring body	Standards Committee, 4 July 2014	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Ian Brookfield	
Wards affected	n/a	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	n/a	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Standards Committee Special Advisory Group	4 July 2014 25 June 2014

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to approve the draft corporate roles and responsibilities for safeguarding adults at risk (Appendix 1) and its inclusion in the Council's Constitution

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report seeks the endorsement of the inclusion of the corporate roles and responsibilities for safeguarding adults at risk within the Council's Constitution.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Safeguarding Adults at Risk summary of corporate roles and responsibilities [Appendix 1] is a by-product of the Adults Safeguarding Peer Review Action Plan, developed directly in response to the recommendations of the Adult Safeguarding Peer Review conducted by the Local Government Association (LGA) in September 2013.
- 2.2 One of the eight thematic areas of the Peer Review focused specifically on 'Leadership'. Detailed below are the key headline findings, which have governed the development of this document:

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Strengths

- *Cabinet Member is seen as a credible leader and valued for his active direct engagement with service users and carers*
- *There is visible leadership from the Director of Adult Social Services on Adult Safeguarding*
- *The Chair of the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children's Board has provided strong leadership for partnership working*
- *Clinical Commissioning Group are exemplary in getting General Practitioners engagement in adult safeguarding*

Areas for Consideration

- *There is a need for development in members awareness, understanding and ownership of adult safeguarding*
- *Review the political governance and scrutiny arrangements for adult safeguarding*
- *Ensure adult safeguarding is owned corporately*
- *Ensure all adult safeguarding leads in the health community are known to each other*

- 2.3 The attached document sets out to provide a wider definition to the roles and responsibilities of individual Councillors and strategic employees within the Council, in terms of their specific duty to safeguarding adults. It is proposed that this document should sit within the Council's Constitution and underpin the Council's commitment to the safeguarding of its adults.
- 2.4 The summary roles and responsibilities were considered by the Leader of the Council, Lead Member, Chief Executive and Community Director at their first quarterly adult safeguarding challenge meeting in March 2014 and subsequently by the Strategic Executive Board (SEB).

2.5 Both of the above groups agreed that the draft roles and responsibilities be adopted for inclusion within the Council's Constitution and that these proposals be progressed through the following Groups before being presented to Full Council for adoption on the 16 July 2014:

- Constitution Review Group
- Special Advisory Group
- Standards Committee

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. [RB/008072014/J]

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 The recommendations arising from within the LGA's Adult Safeguarding Peer Review have direct implications for the Council's Constitution; this will require the changes to the Constitution to be made in accordance with legal protocols. [NA/09072014/U]

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the changes being recommended to the Council's Constitution; the proposals centre on giving clarity to roles and responsibilities performed by Councillors and strategic employees within their respective capacities.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 Special Advisory Group – Report – 25 June 2014
Standards Committee – Report – 4 July 2014