

Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel

29 January 2019

Report title	City of Wolverhampton Safeguarding Statement	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor: Sandra Samuels Adults	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Children, Young People & Families Scrutiny Panel - 16 January 2019	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The scrutiny panel is recommended to comment on the draft document in order to enable revisions to be made prior to being presented to Cabinet.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To ensure Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel have early sight of the proposed Safeguarding Statement to promote effective ownership and the opportunity to challenge and scrutinise the draft.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In Autumn 2018 discussions took place between the Director of Children's Services and the Head of Safeguarding in relation to how the organisations 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 The Head of Safeguarding has progressed the development of a draft Safeguarding Statement including potential standards. Two potential versions are available, one with photographs and one shorter version without visuals.

4.0 Questions for Scrutiny to consider – In Statements 2a and 3a

- 4.1 Which of the formats is best?
- 4.2 Are pictures required? – see 2a
- 4.3 Should the standards be at the start? – see 3a
- 4.4 Should there be links rather than explanations? – 2a
- 4.5 Are the standards appropriate?

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.
[NM/22012019/Y]

6.0 Legal implications

- 6.1 The 'Safeguarding Statement' supports the Councils safeguarding responsibilities. There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.
[TC/21012019/X]

7.0 Equalities implications

7.1 The 'Safeguarding Statement' is reflective of the Councils responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.

8.0 Environmental implications

8.1 None identified.

9.0 Human resources implications

9.1 None identified

10.0 Corporate landlord implications

10.1 None identified

11.0 Schedule of background papers

11.1 None identified