

Report of the Chief Executive

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS
POLICIES**1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for a revised Safeguarding Children Policy and a revised Safeguarding Adults Policy.

2. Detail

In regard to children, Broxtowe Borough Council has a specific statutory duty under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to make arrangements for ensuring that its functions, and services provided on its behalf, are discharged with regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

In regard to adults, The Care Act 2014 requires that an upper tier local authority must co-operate with each of its relevant partners, and each relevant partner must co-operate with the upper tier local authority in relation to relevant functions, one of which is specifically stated as protecting adults with care and support needs who are currently experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect. It is this part of the legislation which places the requirement on a district council to act in cases of suspected neglect or abuse.

Further details are given in appendix 1.

As such, Broxtowe Borough Council is responsible for ensuring that employees are competent and confident in carrying out their responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of adults and children. This includes ensuring employees are aware of how to recognise and respond to safeguarding concerns, including signs of possible maltreatment, abuse or neglect.

The Safeguarding Children Policy (appendix 2), and the Safeguarding Adults Policy (appendix 3) set out how Broxtowe Borough Council will meet its obligations. They are revised and updated versions of the Safeguarding Children Policy approved by Cabinet in 2015, and the Safeguarding Adults Policy approved by Environment and Community Safety Committee on 15 November 2018.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the revised Safeguarding Children Policy and Safeguarding Adults Policy be APPROVED.

Background papers

Nil.