

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety****REVISED SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY**1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for a revised Safeguarding Children Policy.

2. Recommendation

**The Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the revised policy be approved.**

3. Detail

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.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined in Government Guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018' as:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

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 children and young people. This includes ensuring employees are aware of how to recognise and respond to safeguarding concerns, including signs of possible maltreatment.

The Safeguarding Children Policy sets out how Broxtowe Borough Council will meet its obligations. It is a revised version of the Safeguarding Children Policy agreed by Community Safety Committee in November 2020. The Safeguarding Lead and main contact for Broxtowe is the Chief Communities Officer.

The revised Safeguarding Children Policy is included at the Appendix.

4. Financial Implications

There are no additional financial implications for the Council at this stage over with costs contained within existing budgets.

5. Legal Implications

Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places a duty on the Council when providing services to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The introduction section of this policy sets out the duties from the Children Act 2004 and the Government guidance 'Working together to Safeguard Children 2017.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

The policy has been revised to account for the deletion of the Head of Public Protection Post no amendments have been made which impact on equality.

7. Background Papers

Nil