

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

REVISED SAFEGUARDING ADULTS POLICY1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for a revised Safeguarding Adults Policy.

2. Recommendation

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

3. Detail

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.

People who may need safeguarding are defined under section 42 of the Care Act 2014 as adults (persons aged 18 or over) who:

- have care and support needs;
- are experiencing, or are at risk of abuse or neglect; and
- because of their care and support needs cannot protect themselves against actual or potential abuse or neglect

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. This includes ensuring employees are aware of how to recognise and respond to safeguarding concerns, including signs of possible abuse or neglect. The Safeguarding Lead and main contact for Broxtowe is the Chief Communities Officer.

The Safeguarding Adults Policy sets out how Broxtowe Borough Council will meet its obligations. It is a revised version of the Safeguarding Adults Policy agreed by Community Safety Committee in November 2020.

The revised Safeguarding Adults Policy can be found in 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 42-47 of the Care Act 2014 sets out a clear legal framework with regards to how the Council should protect adults at risk of abuse and neglect. Section 5 of the policy sets out the statutory requirements from the Care Act 2014 and the 'Care and Support statutory guidance' (updated June 2020).

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