

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

Safeguarding Adults Policy 2025–281. Purpose of Report

To approve the Safeguarding Adults Policy 2025-28. This is in accordance with the Council's Corporate Priority of Community Safety – A Safe Place for Everyone.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked RESOLVE that the Safeguarding Adults Policy 2025-28 be approved.

3. Detail

The Care Act 2014 requires that an upper tier local authority must co-operate with each of its relevant partners, which in turn 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 Adults Policy 2025-28 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 at **Appendix 1**. The change table can be found at **Appendix 2**. The Safeguarding Adults Policy 2025-28 EIA can be found at **Appendix 3**.

4. Key Decision

This report is a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

It is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards or electoral divisions in the Council's area.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Policy Overview Working Group RECOMMENDED that the Safeguarding Adults Policy be approved at it's meeting on 5 June 2025.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Assistant Director Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications to consider at this stage with ongoing business as usual activities being met within existing resources. Any significant budget implications in the future, over and above virement limits, would require approval by Cabinet.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

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).

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

Any climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is a change to policy / a new policy an equality impact assessment is included in the appendix to this report.

13. Background Papers

Nil.