

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

11 February 2016

### Report of the Chief Executive

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Recommendation to Council

#### **1 DRAFT SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

##### **1.1 Background**

1.1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2016, recommended that the Draft Safeguarding Policy and Reporting Procedure for Children, Young People and Adults at Risk be endorsed and recommended for adoption by Cabinet.

1.1.2 The Council has had a child Protection Policy in place for a number of years, but there currently isn't a formal policy in place for Adults at Risk. Rather than having separate policies for children and adults, the decision was taken to have a combined policy and to include the reporting procedure and action plan within it (Annex 1).

##### **1.2 Aims of the Safeguarding Policy**

1.2.1 The policy aims to ensure that an overarching approach to safeguarding is embedded within all Council services and that staff, elected Members, those delivering services on behalf of the Council and volunteers have a good understanding of safeguarding guidelines and good practice.

##### **1.3 Legal Implications**

1.3.1 None

##### **1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.4.1 N/A

##### **1.5 Risk Assessment**

1.5.1 N/A

##### **1.6 Equality Impact Assessment**

1.6.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

## **1.7 Recommendations**

1.7.1 That the Draft Safeguarding Policy and Reporting Procedure for Children, Young People and Adults at Risk as submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be endorsed and recommended for adoption by Council.

Background papers:

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Nil

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