

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET EXECUTIVE

17 September 2019

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SUBJECT: Corporate Safeguarding 6 Monthly Update as at 30 June 2019

REPORT FOR: Information

Cabinet are asked to note this 6 Monthly briefing paper and update from the Corporate Safeguarding Group. The Corporate Safeguarding group met on the 18th February and 20th May 2019. Following the restructure of the Senior Leadership Team, a review of the Terms of Reference has been undertaken and it was agreed that an invite be extended to the Portfolio Holder for Education to attend this meeting also.

The group sought assurances on a number of key areas as below and continue to monitor the work plan of the group.

- Modern Slavery and Code of Practice of Ethical Employment In Procurement - on 31 January 2018, Council pledged to support for ethical employment. Small working group has been progressing this, Champion for the Council is Cllr Aled Wyn Davies. Anti-Slavery Annual Statement 18/19 has been approved by Cllr Aled Davies. 12 measures within the Charter which the Council must comply with, and making sure the ethical side of things are covered within procurement processes. The team can measure the supply chain on which companies are complying with the measures. Training has been undertaken, and consideration given to other departments which may require this includes: Planning Department may be key for any rural developments; trading standards; environmental health; library staff, private landlords. Train the Trainer events have been undertaken. 6 monthly updates against the plan will be received by the Corporate Safeguarding Group, the first of which will be at the September 2019 meeting.
- The Group received and provided comment on the draft “Unacceptable Conduct Policy” which the Head of HR&OD is taking forward.
- Safeguarding Training – the group have requested reassurances on training undertaken by Safeguarding School Governors, to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements.
- Safe Places: discussion has taken place and unanimous agreement by the group to take this forward, with an update on progress to be shared at the groups next meeting.

- An update was provided by the Head of Childrens Services and Professional Lead for Legal, providing assurances to the Group. It was recognised and welcomed to receive assurances that the two services are working closely, to ensure legal proceedings are timely, and there is minimal disruption to families. A further update will be provided in 6 months to the Group.
- Overviews have been provided by the Head of Children’s Services and Head of Adult Services on safeguarding performance, and future meetings will include data from the region.
- Training in relation to VAWDASV. Compliance continues to be monitored, and officers are looking at different ways to ensure officers undertake this mandatory training.

The group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis, with a 6monthly update to Cabinet from the Chair of this Group.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Cabinet receives the 6 monthly briefing update from the Chair of the Corporate Safeguarding Group.	To ensure Cabinet are fully sighted on work to date.

Relevant Policy (ies):	Corporate Safeguarding Policy		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	All elected members
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	N/A
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	N/A

Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	N
If yes, date of review	N/A
Person responsible for the review	N/A
Date review to be presented to Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet for information or further action	N/A

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