

NON EXEMPT

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

16 March 2016

SAFEGUARDING

Recommendations of the Scrutiny Board

Cabinet Lead: Councillor Yvonne Weeks

Key Decision: No

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 At its meeting held on 23 January 2016, the Scrutiny Board considered a report (Appendix A) from the Community Scrutiny and Policy Development Panel, setting out its findings and recommendations on the Safeguarding Policy.

2.0 Recommendations

1. the Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy be amended to reflect the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
2. the Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy be amended to reflect the impact of the Prevent Agenda.
3. all councillors shall undertake the e-learning “Basic Safeguarding Awareness “ Course to ensure that all councillors are aware of their role in this area.
4. a councillor training session be arranged to ensure that all councillors are aware of the safeguarding policy and their role in this area.
5. the Council’s policies be amended to include the statutory responsibilities relating to missing, exploited and trafficked children
6. the Council’s letting policies be amended to include the statutory responsibility introduced by the PREVENT Agenda.
7. the on line safeguarding report form be made more accessible to staff and councillors

- 8 the Council consider amending the training for taxi and private hire drivers to include Child Sexual Exploitation awareness
- 9 the feasibility of all councillors undertaking a DBS check be investigated
- 10 a progress report be submitted to the Board within six months.

3.0 Subject of Report

3.1 The Board considered that in addition to the recommendations contained in the report:

- (a) the Council's letting policies should be amended to include the statutory responsibilities introduced by the Prevent Agenda;
- (b) the Council's policies be amended to include the statutory responsibilities relating to missing, exploited and trafficked children;
- (c) the Council amend the training for taxi and private hire drivers/operators to include Child Exploitation awareness; and
- (d) the feasibility of undertaking DBS checks for all councillors be investigated

Background Papers:

The Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy

Agreed and signed off by:

Legal Services: 2 March 2016

Financial Services: 3 March 2016

Executive Head for Economy and Communities: 2 March 2016

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