

Supplementary Information

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCRUTINY BOARD
23 February 2016

Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next 23 February 2016 meeting of the Scrutiny Board, the following supplementary information that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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Issues Raised Since the Agenda was Published

The following issues have been raised by Councillor Bains

1. No reference to contractor contract clauses – i.e. how can we be assured that all contractors have their own policy or adhere to ours

Comments

The Prevent Agenda has been added to new contracts, such as five councils. It is requirement an Integrated Impact Assessment has to be completed before a contract is entered into: this assessment covers the Prevent Agenda

2. We have mentioned Prevent but this need to expressly mention the local authority's duty to ensure our community buildings are being used appropriately - so letting contracts need to ensure they are updated

Comments

Havant Borough Council's letting policies be amended to include the statutory responsibility introduced by the PREVENT Agenda.

3. We received licensing training last year - we need to ensure we are happy that the Child Sexual Exploitation awareness raising with our taxi drivers is undertaken and referenced within the policy - ie an effective induction process for new drivers and updated training for current ones

Comments

The issue of safeguarding is under consideration at this time. The Council is currently seeking guidance and best practice from other Councils. It is intended that safeguarding advice be incorporated into the next print of the Drivers Handbook (which is sent out with every driver / operator renewal). Once the Council has achieved this, it will then be looking at adding questions regarding safeguarding into the new drivers knowledge test.

4. In addition to Modern Day Slavery, we need to consider Missing, Exploited and Trafficked children

Comments

Havant Borough Council's policies be amended to include the statutory responsibilities relating to missing, exploited and trafficked children.

5. Adult Safeguarding needs to reference the new Care Act 2014 and the training responsibilities for front line staff (I think that what the report alludes to when you mentioned 60 staff had been trained but this needs confirming -

Hampshire Adult Safeguarding Board is currently rolling out training to Districts and Boroughs

Comments

HCC undertake the face to face training on adult and children's safeguarding training. The children's safeguarding training has been in place for a number of years, and we refer staff to training as appropriate. The on-line training we deliver is more generic and appropriate for staff who do not have direct contact with children or young people

With regards to adult safeguarding, HCC Adult services have recently been in contact to ask what training our staff would require. I have consulted all the service managers and compiled a list which has gone to Adult services. I anticipate we will have a roll out of that training shortly. General vulnerable adult training is covered in our on-line safeguarding training package, and a flow chart for referrals to Adult services is covered in our policy.

In terms of statutory responsibility, that falls to HCC as the upper tier authority. In both children & adult safeguarding terms, the borough has a duty to co-operate with the upper tier authority. We do so by participating in adult and children's training, and ensuring we have policies in place. Cllr Bains' comments regarding the Care Act 2014 are valid, and we should ensure that's incorporated as a reference in the revised policy.

Councillor Bains has added that the lack of reference to disabled children - is an area the Hampshire Children's Safeguarding Board will be following up on

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS (changes shown in italics)

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 be required to 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.*
- 6 The on line safeguarding report form be more accessible to staff and councillors
- 7 *The Council consider amending the training for taxi and private hire drivers to include Child Sexual Exploitation awareness*
- 6 A progress report be submitted to the Board within six months.

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