

COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT PANEL – RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE – 30 OCTOBER 2017

SCRUTINY ITEM:	SAFEGUARDING				
DATE INITIAL REPORT CONSIDERED:	26 January 2016				
TOTAL NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE:	9	AGREED	9	REJECTED:	0
RECOMMENDATION 1	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE				
The Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy be amended to reflect the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015	This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)				
PROGRESS UPDATES	UPDATE				
20 September 2016 Update	Work is underway using an external company to produce a draft revised safeguarding policy – this will include modern slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation and will also cover the prevent agenda (radicalisation) A draft document is expected mid July. This will be reviewed by officers and then presented to both Cabinets for consideration and adoption. Once in place it is intended to modify the on line training for all staff and deliver face to face training to all front line and key staff in order to reflect the new policy.				
10 January 2017 Update	A final Draft policy has been received just prior to Xmas. Once reviewed it will be presented for approval.				
30 October 2017 Update	The Policy was drafted as above and accepted by Cabinet on 11th September 2017.				
RECOMMENDATION 2	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE				

<p>The Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy be amended to reflect the impact of the Prevent Agenda.</p>	<p>This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)</p>
<p>PROGRESS UPDATES</p>	<p>UPDATE</p>
<p>20 September 2016 Update</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p>10 January 2017 Update</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p>30 October 2017 Update</p>	<p>Amended as above and passed on the 11th September 2017</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 3</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE RESPONSE</p>
<p>All councillors shall undertake the e-learning “Basic Safeguarding Awareness “ Course to ensure that all councillors are aware of their role in this area.</p>	<p>This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)</p>
<p>PROGRESS UPDATES</p>	<p>UPDATE</p>
<p>20 September 2016 Update</p>	

10 January 2017 Update	Training was delivered in 2016 to new Councillors.
30 October 2017 Update	Training courses to be delivered to Councillors by Council officers on 2 and 7 November 2017.
RECOMMENDATION 4	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
A councillor training session be arranged to ensure that all councillors are aware of the safeguarding policy and their role in this area.	This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)
PROGRESS UPDATES	UPDATE
20 September 2016 Update	Training Session to follow the revision of the policies.
10 January 2017 Update	As above
30 October 2017 Update	Training courses to be delivered to Councillors by Council officers on 2 and 7 November 2017.

RECOMMENDATION 5	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
The Council's policies be amended to include the statutory responsibilities relating to missing, exploited and trafficked children	This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)
PROGRESS UPDATES	UPDATE
20 September 2016 Update	As above
10 January 2017 Update	As above
30 October 2017 Update	HBC safeguarding policy passed by Cabinet on 11 th September 2017
RECOMMENDATION 6	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
The Council's letting policies be amended to include the statutory responsibility introduced by the PREVENT Agenda.	This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)
PROGRESS UPDATES	UPDATE
20 September 2016 Update	The Council does not presently have a letting policy. Commercial properties are marketed when they become vacant and tenants come forward with a business case which is considered on its merits. Financial and trading references are considered. It seems unlikely that commercial businesses will promote the opportunity for radicalisation. Since March of this year there has been a new letting to a windscreen repair company, a

	grazing licence, various commercial renewals but these are not considered to pose any threat. Community Buildings are likely to be higher risk and a new lease has been granted to Community First. However, they are existing tenants and an organisation which the Council works closely with and therefore we believe that the Community Team, who promoted their tenancy, will have given adequate consideration to this point.
RECOMMENDATION 7	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
The on line safeguarding report form be made more accessible to staff and councillors	This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)
PROGRESS UPDATES	UPDATE
20 September 2016 Update	
10 January 2017 Update	This will be actioned once the new policy is approved
30 October 2017 Update	Officers are liaising with HR to make the policy more visible on Skoop
RECOMMENDATION 8	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
The Council consider amending the training for taxi and private hire drivers to include Child Sexual Exploitation awareness	This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)
PROGRESS UPDATES	UPDATE
20 September 2016 Update	Havant Borough Council drivers information pack has been amended and updated to include a full section on CSE issues and required actions. This document is issued to all new applicants and to all drivers upon completing their drivers licence renewal. This policy was also circulated to local operators to include in their staff briefings and bulletins. Hampshire Constabulary has also delivered a separate CSE package to local Taxi companies. Plans are

	in hand to update knowledge tests to include specific questions on CSE to ensure that applicants are fully aware of the issues.
RECOMMENDATION 9	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
The feasibility of all councillors undertaking a DBS check be investigated	This was considered and agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2016 (Minute 229a/3/2016)
PROGRESS UPDATES	UPDATE
20 September 2016 Update	<p>There were significant changes when the system changed from CRB to DBS and as such this means that none of the Council roles require checking.</p> <p>The guidance on the DBS website states that:</p> <p>Levels of criminal record check available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • standard checks – To be eligible for a standard level DBS certificate, the position must be included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. • enhanced checks – To be eligible for an enhanced level DBS certificate, the position must be included in both the ROA Exceptions Order and in the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) regulations. • enhanced checks with children’s and/or adults’ barred list check(s) – To be eligible to request a check of the children’s or adults’ barred lists, the position must be eligible for an enhanced level DBS certificate as above and be specifically included in the Police Act
OVERALL SUMMARY OF IMPACT / SERVICE IMPROVEMENT	