



**Joint Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Community
Health Services and Director of Social Services**

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 19 October 2021

Annual Report - Corporate Safeguarding 2020/21

Purpose:	This is the annual report on the Council's corporate safeguarding arrangements, which reviews the work programme of the Corporate Safeguarding Group during 2020/21.
Policy Framework:	<p>The Annual Report on Corporate Safeguarding is a review of the implementation of the Council's Corporate Safeguarding policy, which promotes a "Safeguarding as everyone's business" approach.</p> <p>www.swansea.gov.uk/corporatesafeguarding</p> <p>Safeguarding people from harm is the number one corporate priority in the Council's Corporate Plan.</p> <p>www.swansea.gov.uk/corporateimprovementplan</p>
Consultation:	This report was prepared after consultation with the Corporate Safeguarding Group.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that the Committee considers the Annual Report.
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1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Every person has the right to be safe from harm, the opportunity to fulfil their full potential and to have their human rights and choices protected. The Council also recognises the high profile nature of safeguarding issues, and the important role of robust, effective corporate safeguarding arrangements.
- 1.2 Swansea Council's Corporate Plan has a Well-being Objective: Safeguarding People from Harm – so that our citizens are free from harm and exploitation. Through this well-being objective, "Safeguarding" is seen as a wider objective than the vital work of protection of the most vulnerable children and adults. This corporate priority also deals with public protection and citizen rights within the following:
- Protection from harm and neglect
 - Safety
 - Physical health, emotional well-being, and mental health
 - Human rights
 - Contribution to society
 - Social and economic well-being.
- 1.3 Swansea Council's Corporate Safeguarding Group was first set up in 2014 to lead on development and of corporate safeguarding policy, monitoring of policy implementation. This Group has met regularly - chaired by Director of Social Services, and attended by the lead Cabinet Member, with lead representatives from all services areas across the Council. The remit of the corporate safeguarding group covers both safeguarding children, and vulnerable adults from harm.
- 1.4 Regular progress reports are provided to Corporate Management Team on safeguarding performance. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Community Health Services, the Scrutiny Programme Committee and relevant Scrutiny Performance Panels also expect to receive regular information regarding safeguarding and on the work of the Corporate Safeguarding Group.
- 1.5 This Annual Report - Corporate Safeguarding 2020/21 (see **Appendix**) is an important part of this reporting cycle. The Annual Report aims to update on the work undertaken in relation to corporate arrangements for Safeguarding across the whole Council during the year 2020/21, covering seven key areas of activity. It also identifies work for the year ahead. It is a regular report to the Scrutiny Programme Committee for awareness and comment on progress, achievements and implementation of policy.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 There are no further legal implications other than those referred to in the body of the report.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Annual Report – Corporate Safeguarding 2020/21