



**Report of the Director of Social Services on behalf of the Cabinet Member  
for Care, Health & Ageing Well**

**Scrutiny Programme Committee – 14 October 2019**

**Annual Report 2018/19 - Corporate Safeguarding**

<b>Purpose:</b>	This report is the Director of Social Services' annual report on the Council's corporate safeguarding arrangements, carried out on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Care, Health & Ageing Well, as a review of the work programme of the Corporate Safeguarding group.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	<p>The Director of Social Services' Annual Report on Corporate Safeguarding is a review of the implementation of the Council's Corporate Safeguarding policy: <a href="#">Swansea Staffnet - Safeguarding</a></p> <p>Safeguarding people from harm is the number one corporate priority in the Council's Corporate Plan: <a href="#">Swansea Staffnet - Corporate priorities</a></p>
<b>Consultation:</b>	<p>This report was prepared after consultation with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corporate Safeguarding group</li></ul>
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<p>It is recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Annual Report Corporate Safeguarding by the Director of Social Services 2018/19 is received.</li></ol>
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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 2018-22 has a Well-being Objective 1: 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 This wider strategic approach has recently been reported on within the Annual Review of Performance of each of the Council' Well-being Objectives, as a statutory requirement under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, and also within changes set out in Swansea Council's Corporate Plan (2018-22).
- 1.4 Swansea Council has recently revised the Corporate Safeguarding Policy to meet the many challenges we are facing, and to address the newer collaborative ways of working which involves close working with volunteers and providers. By working closely with the Safeguarding Policy and Practice Development, an updated policy was approved in May 2018.
- 1.5 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 continued to meet every 2-3 months-chaired by Director of Social Services, and attended by Cabinet Member – Well-being, with lead representatives from all services areas across the Council.
- 1.6 The remit of the corporate safeguarding group covers both safeguarding children, and vulnerable adults from harm. A revised terms of reference has been agreed, and appended within the main report.
- 1.7 Regional briefings on progress are also provided to, and received by Western Bay Regional Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards, which have been set up under Part 7 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, statutory guidance, regulations and codes of practice.

- 1.8 Regular progress reports are provided to corporate management team on safeguarding performance. Cabinet Member for Care, Health & Ageing Well, 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.
- 1.9 This Annual Report on Corporate Safeguarding report (attached. Appendix 1) is an important part of this reporting cycle. This report outlines the governance arrangements, the work undertaken during the year, and also sets out a work programme for 2019/20. A copy of the Work Programme is appended to the main report

**2. Annual Report**

See Appendix 1: Annual Report – Corporate Safeguarding 2018/19

**3. Other Issues**

None

**4. Equality and Engagement Implications**

This report has no direct equality and engagement implications.

**5. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**6. Legal Implications**

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 2018/19