

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET 20TH JANUARY FROM THE ENVIRONMENT
AND COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2026**

EC54: **Cabinet Report - Safeguarding Policy Review 2025**

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The Corporate Governance Manager gave a presentation which supported the report.

The Chair thanked, the Corporate Governance Manager for the report and invited questions and comments from the Panel.

Under Standing Order 34, Councillor Kemp welcomed the report and the focus of safeguarding. She commented as Councillors, safeguarding was important to help vulnerable residents.

The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Rust welcomed member training on safeguarding and commented the importance of the factsheet for Councillors and the impact safeguarding has on Councillors.

RESOLVED: The Environment and Community Panel supported the following recommendations to Cabinet:

Cabinet Resolves:

Cabinet is recommended to resolve that:

1. Cabinet endorses and adopts the revised Safeguarding Policy.
2. Cabinet agrees that the Members' Code of Conduct is updated to include explicit safeguarding responsibilities.
3. Delegate authority to amend/update this policy to ensure it remains compliant with legislation to a member of the executive team in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder.

Recommendations to Full Council:

That Cabinet approves a recommendation to amend the Member Code of Conduct to include explicit reference to safeguarding responsibilities