



# B O S T O N B O R O U G H C O U N C I L

REPORT TO:	CABINET.
DATE:	19 FEBRUARY 2020.
SUBJECT:	BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL 2020 – 2023.
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR MARTIN GRIGGS, PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING, PROPERTY AND COMMUNITIES.
REPORT AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES.
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO.

Boston Borough Council has a range of statutory duties to carry out in relation to safeguarding children, adults at risk and communities.

The draft Safeguarding Policy and Procedures document attached at **Appendix 1** has been produced by all Lincolnshire District Councils and localised to Boston by the Council's Designated Safeguarding Officer.

Its purpose is twofold; to provide the Council with a robust policy framework and to provide staff, elected members, volunteers, key contractors, consultants and directly commissioned providers acting on behalf of the Council with a 'practical safeguarding guide' to ensure that we play our full part in safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of individuals and communities at all times.

In summary, our safeguarding responsibilities include:

- Having effective safeguarding policies and procedures in place;
- Knowing how to identify concerns;
- Having a properly trained, knowledgeable and capable workforce;
- Referring concerns to partner agencies;
- Working closely with partners such as the police, social services, health agencies and other local authorities;
- Undertaking and participating in regular audit and scrutiny to test our effectiveness.

The draft covers nine themes, all of which are about 'safeguarding' in the widest sense. The draft was considered by the Council's Corporate and

Community Scrutiny Committee on 16 January 2020 who resolved: **That the Draft Safeguarding Policy and Procedures 2020 – 2023 be recommended to Cabinet and Full Council for approval as amended.**

The amendments suggested have been incorporated save for splitting the chapter on Hate and Mate crime into two separate areas.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Cabinet adopt the draft document presented at **Appendix 1.**

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council's current policy has reached the end of its life and requires review; this collective review has been undertaken by all Lincolnshire Districts, in consultation with the County Council and others. Adopting a single framework approach across Lincolnshire will support further consistency and aid even better working together.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

1. To produce a standalone policy that is substantially different in format to others – not considered sensible given the level of joint working districts undertake.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no additional financial implications for the Council outside of existing financial plans.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

No specific legal implications have been identified other than the need to have such a policy in place.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **EQUALITY AND SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS**

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## **ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

No other implications have been identified at this juncture.

## **APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1** – Boston Borough Council Draft Safeguarding Policy and Procedures 2020 - 2023.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

All papers and resources used in the production of the draft are referenced and linked throughout the document.

## **CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT**

This item was considered by the Council's Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee on 16 January 2020.