

REPORT TO COMMUNITIES P.D.G.

REPORT OF: Jane Booth, Service Manger, Housing Management

REPORT NO: TSE0057

DATE: 5 September 2013

TITLE:	Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy & Procedures	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Key Decision	
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Cllr Terl Bryant Portfolio Holder: Good Housing	
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INITIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS:	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below	Full impact assessment Required:
Equality and Diversity	Yes	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Your Council and Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/adult-social-care/asc-manual/policies/ (9 th document on the list) Equality Analysis: http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=493&MId=3010&Ver=4	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Communities PDG recommend the Cabinet approves the draft Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy and Procedure.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Communities Policy Development Group of the new Safeguarding Adults Multi Agency Policy and Procedure developed by Lincolnshire County Council on the 1st August 2013.

To seek comments on the draft SKDC Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy and Procedure.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board developed a new Safeguarding Adults Multi Agency Policy and Procedure manual with effect from 1st August 2013.

This is an extensive document (112 pages) which covers all procedures to be followed by the County Council and other agencies' staff, elected members and volunteers when referring concerns, assessing referrals and investigating cases.

As a partner agency with a social, moral and legal responsibility to provide a duty of care for adults at risk, SKDC is required to either sign up to the LCC Policy and Procedure document or produce its own.

Following discussions with the Head of Service for Housing and Neighbourhoods it was felt that it would be prudent to develop a more concise interpretation specifically tailored to SKDC's arrangements, so that staff, elected members and volunteers are fully aware of their responsibilities towards adults at risk, to safeguard their well-being and to protect them from abuse when they are engaged in services organised and/or provided by the District Council.

Lincolnshire County Council has been updated and they are satisfied with our proposed approach.

A copy of the first draft of the SKDC Policy and Procedure is attached for your consideration.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

As detailed above, consideration was given to adopting the Lincolnshire County Council Policy and Procedures but it was decided to develop our own Policy so that it could be specifically tailored to SKDC's own arrangements.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

6. RISK AND MITIGATION

Risk has been considered as part of this report and any specific high risks are included in the table below:

Category Risk	Action / Controls
Failure to take action to safeguard adults at risk	Compliance with responsibilities set out in SKDC Policy and Procedure

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS

None

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None

9. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

10. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Whilst the District Council is not under a legal duty to provide safeguarding for adults, it is appropriate from a moral and social perspective as part of a multi agency approach to adult safeguarding to adopt a policy and procedure to ensure an appropriate and consistent response to adult safeguarding issues is applied and maintained and an understanding of individual and collective responsibility is known.

11. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

None.

12. APPENDICES

- Draft Safeguarding Adults Policy