

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Housing

Date of meeting: 13th March 2018

Subject: Safeguarding Policy for Youth and Play Service

Report by: James Hill - Director of Property & Housing

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the implementation of the updated safeguarding policy for the Youth and Play Service.

2. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Housing

- 1. Approves the attached policy**
- 2. Approves the implementation of the policy from the 1st April 2018.**

3. Background

The Property & Housing Youth and Play Service operate 12 setting for the provision of service to children and young people ranging in age from 0-25 years.

The Youth and Play Service are committed to safeguarding children. This policy reflects the necessity of this responsibility.

The policy brings up to date the working practices and requirements for staff reflecting the service changes which have recently taken place and ensures the service commitment to the safeguarding of our customers.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- i. To formalise the working practices of the youth and play service
- ii. To ensure that all staff and volunteers understand their role in the safeguarding of children and young people
- iii. Provides information for all third parties working with our service

5. Equality impact assessment

An EIA has not been completed; however the ethos of the youth and play service is that opportunities are free, open access and available to all. We therefore did not deem it necessary to complete an assessment because; the sites are compliant with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act; the service complies with Portsmouth City Council's Equal Opportunities policies; and the role of the Youth and Play Worker is to ensure different groups or individuals can take advantage of the opportunities on offer.

6. Legal implications

The report accurately considers the statutory implications and requirements of the Children Act 1989 along with the Children Act 2004. In addition the policy has considered the key areas of equality of access to facilities and services along with the necessary safeguarding applicable to volunteers and their recruitment and risk management.

7. Director of Finance's comments

There are no financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendations proposed within this report.

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Signed by:
James Hill - Director of Property & Housing

Appendices:

A - Youth and Play Services Safeguarding Policy

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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Signed by:

Councillor Jennie Brent - Cabinet Member for Housing