

Meeting of the Council – 27th April, 2009

Report of the Cabinet

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the proposals of the Cabinet regarding Council accountabilities and responsibilities for safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

Background

2. The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 18th March, 2009, considered a report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services giving a briefing on the Department of Health Consultation on the review of the 'No Secrets' guidance on safeguarding vulnerable adults; indicating progress with the safeguarding agenda in Dudley; seeking endorsement of the Annual Report of the Dudley Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board (a copy of which is available in the Member's Room); and seeking agreement to a training plan for elected members. These issues were dealt with by the Cabinet under delegated powers. A copy of the report is available from the Democratic Services Section (telephone: 01384 815236); or by e-mail to richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk; or on the Council's website www.dudley.gov.uk (follow the links to Council decisions/Committee information).
3. The report also contained proposals for a number of member and officer accountabilities and responsibilities for safeguarding vulnerable adults. These were endorsed by the Cabinet and the approval of the Council is now requested.

Finance

4. The report submitted to the Cabinet indicated that significant additional resources have already been provided for safeguarding activity. No new investment is proposed at this stage.

Law

5. Section 44 of the Mental Capacity Act, 2005 includes an offence of ill treatment or wilful neglect of a person lacking capacity.

Equality Impact

6. The 'No Secrets' consultation document raises issues relating to diversity. The work plan of the Safeguarding Board is consistent with the Council's Policy on Equality and Diversity.

Recommendations

7. That the set of Council accountabilities and responsibilities for safeguarding of vulnerable adults, attached at Appendix A to this report, be approved.

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Leader of The Council