

**Extract from Cabinet Minutes  
18 January 2011**

**A8. SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

The Cabinet considered a report by the Head of Environmental Services (Reference 11/36). Cabinet were informed that the Corporate Strategy Overview and Scrutiny Committee had recommended that the Council review its Safeguarding policies and introduce wider training to ensure all staff were aware of the revised policies relating to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. As a result of the review a Community Health and Safeguarding Officer was employed by the Council who had reviewed the children's safeguarding policy in line with current legislation and developed the draft documents. Training would begin next week with the senior management and be rolled out to all staff. Members would also receive training. Councillor Kenyon stated that this was an essential part of the Council's policy framework.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet recommend to Council the Safeguarding Adults and Children and Young Peoples Policy and Procedure appended to the report.

**Reasons:**

The principal legislative basis for the Government's vision for safeguarding children is the Children Act 2004 which places significant duties on county level authorities in their role as Children's Service Authorities (CSA). Within this role they have a duty under Section 10 of the Act to promote inter-agency co-operation between named agencies including district councils which are involved with children and young people and contribute to their well being.

To ensure the Council fulfils the duty on Local Authorities to make arrangements to ensure that their functions are discharged with regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (Section 11, Children Act 2004) and to work with partners to ensure that vulnerable adults at risk of abuse receive protection and support.