

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policies  
**Committee** : Services Committee  
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### 1. Report Summary:

- 1.1. This report introduces the revised Safeguarding Children Policy and Adults At Risk Policy for approval

### 2. Background:

- 2.1. A recent review of the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy identified recommendations that safeguarding regarding children and adults should be managed with separate policies due to differing situations in that adults may or may not be able to provide informed consent for abusive situations to be reported
- 2.2. The revised policies set out clear procedures for staff, volunteers and councillors to follow

### 3. Key Changes to the Policy

- 3.1. There are two new dedicated policies
  - 3.1.1. Safeguarding Children Policy
  - 3.1.2. Adults at Risk Policy
- 3.2. The Term 'adult at risk' is used in this policy to replace 'vulnerable adult', as recommended on Gov.uk/safeguarding adult. This is because the term 'vulnerable adult' may wrongly imply that some of the fault for the abuse lies with the victim of abuse.

### 4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee

- 4.1. Approve the Safeguarding Children Policy and the Adults at Risk Policy

### 5. Wards Affected: All

### 6. Background papers:

- 6.1. Draft Safeguarding Children Policy – Doc 73519
- 6.2. Draft Adults at Risk Policy – Doc73322

### 7. Implications:

- 7.1. **Financial:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report

7.4. **Environmental Impact:** Nil in relation to this report

7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report