



## **SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEM**

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING REPORTS 2022 - 2023**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To present Scrutiny Committee with the 2022-23 Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report, Forward Work Programme and Safeguarding Key Activity Data for information.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report, attached at Appendix 1, offers valuable assurance in relation to the Council's corporate safeguarding arrangements and provides updates on the progress made in implementing the Forward Work Programme, attached at Appendix 2. For the first time, key safeguarding activity data is also reported this year and is attached at Appendix 3 for information.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the content of the Annual Reports and the progress made in implementing the Forward Work Programme.

### **4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 To ensure Scrutiny Committee is fully aware of the Council's arrangements for corporate safeguarding and is satisfied that these arrangements are effective.

### **5. THE REPORT**

- 5.1 This is the eighth Annual Report and it provides a strategic overview of the progress made in implementing the Forward Work Programme during 2022-2023.
- 5.2 The Annual Reports were presented to the Corporate Safeguarding Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 where they were ratified and approval was given for them to progress to Social Services Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet for information purposes.
- 5.3 The Corporate Safeguarding Board provides appropriate governance arrangements to oversee and support the implementation of the actions included in the Forward Work

Programme.

5.4 The Annual Report reviews the actions that were rated as Red or Amber in the Forward Work Programme and provides updates in relation to the ongoing actions in place to address these ratings. In turn, the Annual Report identifies the priorities for the Board going forward into 2023-2024 and these will now be added to the Forward Work Programme.

5.5 The Key Safeguarding Activity Data Report is a new addition to the reporting arrangements this year. Whilst the data has previously been presented to the Corporate Safeguarding Board, Corporate Management Team agreed that it would be beneficial to report it to Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet. The data covers general referral rates to Social Services including those progressing through adult and children's safeguarding processes, schools safeguarding audits and HR safer recruitment.

## **6. ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 There are no assumptions made or presumed in this report.

## **7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's full Integrated Impact Assessment process does not need to be applied.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no funding implications arising from this report.

## **9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no personnel or HR implications arising from this report.

## **10. CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 The report is for information purposes and reflects the views of consultees.

## **11. STATUTORY POWER**

11.1 Social Services & Well Being (Wales) Act 2014

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Attachments:

Appendices:

1. Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2022-23
2. Corporate Safeguarding Board Forward Work Programme 2022-23
3. Safeguarding Key Activity Data Report for 2022-23