

Agenda item 3

For decision – Update to the Child and Vulnerable Adult protection policy

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I have reviewed this policy and also compared it to Mendip District Council's 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adult Policy' June 2021. I have proposed some very minor additions to the policy. These changes can be [viewed at Appendix 1](#). I am satisfied that this policy is fit for purpose.

It is important to remember that safeguarding is not one of Frome Town Council's statutory services. However, safeguarding is something we are all responsible for as individuals. Therefore, if anyone suspects that someone is being abused whether mentally, emotionally or physically they report it to myself as Safeguarding Officer, Kate Hellard as Deputy Safeguarding Officer or directly to Somerset County Council or the police if you believe that person is in immediate danger.

Since the policy was last updated I have successfully completed my CIPD Foundation Diploma in HR Practice and am also now a Project Officer. I am up to date on my safeguarding training.

Recommendation

Approve the amendments to the Child and Vulnerable Adult protection policy at [Appendix 1](#)