Item 6 (a) - Safeguarding Policy

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet, and the relevant minute extract is below:

Cabinet (13 March 2022, Minute 93)

93. <u>Safeguarding Policy</u>

The Portfolio Holder for People & Places presented the report which updated the Safeguarding Policy which reflected all changes in legislation and working practices. Members were advised that the People & Places Advisory Committee had considered and supported the same report and noted that under the Equality Assessment 'Young people' needed to be included under the second row, final column.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer People & Places confirmed that there would be Member Safeguarding training and advised that the main aims of the policy were to:

- Raise awareness of the duties and responsibilities for children, young people and adults at risk of harm
- Encourage good practice among staff, elected members, volunteers and contractors, to safeguard children and adults at risk who receive Council services
- Provide clear guidance on procedures to be adopted if it is suspected that an adult, young person or child may be at risk of harm The Committee discussed the report.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council, to adopt the updated Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy.