

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

2 SEPTEMBER 2010

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Adults Services and Health – Lead Cabinet Member- Cllr Beall

Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults update 2009-10

1. Summary

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The information contained in this update will be shared with the Tees-wide Board and statutory partners and will be used to contribute to the first joint Tees-wide Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults report covering 2009/10, which will provide strategic information from partner agencies and collate activity information across Tees.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet note the content of the Stockton on Tees Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults update 2009-10.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

The report is for information only.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to

prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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DETAIL

The attached report is the annual update to Stockton's Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Committee from the Chair of the Committee and the Adult Safeguarding Coordinator.

The appendices to the report are:

The work plan for the Local Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Committee

Terms of reference for the Tees-wide Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board

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Stockton's statistics for the Tees-wide Board 2009-10

Stockton on Tees Abuse of Vulnerable Adults Return 2009-10

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

2. None.

RISK ASSESSMENT

3. CESC 14: Increasing safeguarding referrals within adult social care; serious injury or death leading to Serious Case Review.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

4. The report provides an update on adult safeguarding activity and developments for 2009-2010 and outlines the plans for 2010-11 in relation to safeguarding vulnerable adults from abuse. Inter-agency and partnership working will continue to support the development of safer communities.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5. This report is not subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment because it relates to the safeguarding vulnerable adults annual update, which provides local information in the context of the *No Secrets 2000* guidance that applies to all vulnerable adults (defined as a person over 18 years who is in need of social care).

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

This report relates to all vulnerable adults in Stockton and, therefore, is relevant to all elected members.

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Education related? No

Background Papers

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Property (<http://sbcintranet/library/64521/RES/Capital.doc?view=Display>)