

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

4 SEPTEMBER 2013

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Adult Services and Health - Lead Cabinet Member- Councillor Cllr. Jim Beall

STOCKTON SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS UPDATE 2012-2013

1. Summary

This report provides an account of the activity of the Stockton Adult Safeguarding Team and of the issues considered by the Stockton Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Committee (SVAC) in 2012/13. Due to the development work in relation to Adult Safeguarding Boards across Tees, in line with the Care Bill, there will be no Tees-wide Adult Safeguarding Update published for 2012-13.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet notes the content of the report.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To keep Cabinet informed of adult safeguarding activity and issues relating to the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act requirements.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, 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 and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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DETAIL

1. The Annual Report of the Stockton Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Committee is attached as appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3. Ongoing work will incorporate the requirements of the Care Bill 2013-14. Responsibilities in line with the Mental Capacity Act 2007, NHS and Community Care Act 1990 and Human Rights Act 1998 will continue to underpin adult safeguarding work.

RISK ASSESSMENT

4. The report is categorised as low risk.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

5. Safer Communities: Interagency and partnership working will continue to support the development of safer communities.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6. This report is not subject to an Equality Impact Assessment as it does not involve a new policy, strategy or change in delivery of a service.

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Education related? No

Background Papers

Appendix 1: Annual Report of the Stockton Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Committee

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Not ward specific

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