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Scrutiny Review of Protection of Property

Summary

The second evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Protection of Property will consider further information from the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Adult Social Care department, as well as submissions from SBC Housing Services and Thirteen Housing Group.

Detail

1. Following consideration of the initial submission by the **SBC Adult Social Care** department in September 2026, information regarding costs associated with this Local Authority legal duty will be presented to this meeting. A report has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers.

Complementing some reflections within this report on related policies and procedures of neighbouring Councils, an additional paper is also included which briefly highlights the approaches of several other Local Authorities to Section 47 of the Care Act 2014.

2. **SBC Housing Services** and **Thirteen Housing Group** were both identified as contributors to this review and have therefore been asked to provide a response to the following:

- *The department's / organisation's awareness / experience of this legal duty*
- *How individuals who are eligible to have their property protected whilst receiving care / support away from their home are identified*
- *Communication with SBC Adult Social Care (prior to and during property being protected)*
- *Any other views relating to this scrutiny topic from a SBC Housing Services / Thirteen perspective*

A paper (SBC) and a presentation (Thirteen) have been prepared and are included within these meeting papers. Relevant SBC officers are scheduled to be in attendance to provide an overview of their submission and respond to any comments / questions. Thirteen representatives are unable to attend this meeting.

3. Members are reminded of the following links to background information:

- Care Act 2014 (Section 47)
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/section/47>

- tri.x (Safeguarding Adults Board Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures):
https://www.proceduresonline.com/templates/adultsg/web/p_protect_property.html
 - SBC Adult Social Care Financial Services (ASCFS):
<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/adult-social-care-financial-services>
4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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