

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**CABINET EXECUTIVE
12 February 2019**

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**SUBJECT: Corporate Safeguarding 6 Monthly Update as at 31
December 2018**

REPORT FOR: Information

Cabinet are asked to note this 6 Monthly briefing paper and update from the Corporate Safeguarding Group. The Corporate Safeguarding group met on the 19th November 2018. The group continues to be well support by its current membership but a discussion took place and it was agreed that Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing & Public Protection would be invited to join the group and that Directors would be encouraged to attend personally or ensure that deputies are able to cover the whole Directorate on their behalf.

The group sought assurances on a number of key areas as below and continue to monitor the work plan of the group.

- Training in relation to VAWDASV. Directors were reminded that this is a statutory duty for the local authority to ensure that all paid staff have attended level one training. A reminder has been circulated to Directors and Heads of Service from the Acting Chief Executive. Compliance will continue to be monitored.
- The Council held a safeguarding multi agency conference on the 14th November. This was well attended and there has been significant positive feedback. Social Services also ensured attendance at the Regional Safeguarding Conference and continues to engage regionally on safeguarding.
- HR colleagues are drafting a policy in relation to violence, aggression and harassment of officers of the Council. This will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.
- The Corporate Safeguarding Group sought assurance that there was multi agency co-ordination in relation to County Lines and Sexual Exploitation.
- There is a Regional Serious Organised Crime Board (multi-agency), and also a Local Group via the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), which will be discussed at the next CSP Strategy meeting on 12 December 2018.
- Powys have a Serious Organised Crime Tactical Group which has been managing County Lines in Powys. There have been 2 multi-agency awareness /training events held by the Tactical Group, and a further 2 housing specific sessions. It was noted that Housing is a key service, but also the education service where children are missing, but parents are not aware. Discussion on whether schools are reporting this through, and whether they are compliant. Education Welfare Officers are in place but there is no official logging of first day calling.

- 2 funding bids are currently submitted to facilitate further training on County Lines to Substance Misuse workers and Youths.
- Op Guardian – Dyfed Powys Police looking at identifying the vulnerable people who are potentially coerced and forced into committing crime by urban gangs, and to put measures in place that protect not punish them
- In conjunction with Dyfed Powys Police we have offered free safeguarding training sessions to licensed taxi drivers. 6 sessions around the County were offered up in November 2017 to coincide with National Safeguarding week, this reached around 20 -25% of drivers, a further 2 sessions were offered this summer, and managed to get uptake to about 30%. The training session delivered is a Four Counties approach so the same training presentation was delivered across the Dyfed Powys police area. This is in line with what most other authorities are delivering.

The group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis, and the Annual Report will be presented at the end of July 2019 to Cabinet, as per the Terms of Reference.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Cabinet receives the 6monthly briefing update from the Chair of the Corporate Safeguarding Group	To ensure Cabinet are fully sighted on work to date.

Relevant Policy (ies):	Corporate Safeguarding Policy		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	All elected members
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	N/A
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	N/A

Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	N
If yes, date of review	N/A
Person responsible for the review	N/A
Date review to be presented to Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet for information or further action	N/A

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