1 Purpose

1.1 To inform members of the new Safeguarding Policy

2 Recommendations

2.1 Note the attached draft Safeguarding Policy and the proposed Modern Day Slavery Act Statement

3 Supporting information

- 3.1 Following an internal audit of the council's safeguarding policies and procedures in 2018 various officers have been working to improve the awareness, highlighting the importance and reminding both officers and members of their responsibilities in relation to Safeguarding. A new mandatory e-learning training module has been rolled out to staff and a training session involving members was delivered at a previous Council meeting in 2018.
- 3.2 To complement this, a decision was taken to introduce a new safeguarding policy which is attached in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 At the same time officers are recommending a new Modern Day Slavery Statement is adopted by the council and published on its website. Whilst developing this statement officers have been working together to ensure that the relevant safeguarding criteria is complied with within our supply chain. This statement is included in Appendix 2.

4 **Resource implications**

4.1 None

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