

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 March 2015
Subject:	Safeguarding Audit
Report of:	Val Garside, Environmental and Housing Services Group Manager
Corporate Lead:	Rachel North, Deputy Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Councillor Mrs C Wright
Number of Appendices:	Two

Executive Summary:

To provide an update in relation to the recommendations arising from the safeguarding audit.

Recommendation:

To **CONSIDER** the progress which has been made in relation to the recommendations arising from the Safeguarding audit.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The audit identified a number of controls and actions that needed to be implemented.

Resource Implications:

None specific for this report.

Legal Implications:

None specific for this report.

Risk Management Implications:

None specific for this report.

Performance Management Follow-up:

Regular monitoring of action taken.

Environmental Implications:

None specific for this report.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

1.1 A review of the Safeguarding Children's Self-Assessment was carried out in September 2014, a

series of recommendations were made. The audit report is attached at Appendix 1.

2.0 PROGRESS AGAINST RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

2.1 All issues identified within the audit have either been actioned or are ongoing:

- Councillor Claire Wright has been identified as the Lead Member for Safeguarding. Councillor Wright receives regular updates at her briefings each month.
- Paula Baker has now been appointed as the Housing Services Manager. Part of her job description is to act as Deputy Safeguarding Officer.
- New posters giving relevant contact information have been installed around the staff areas of the Council.
- Arrangements have been made for new starters to be inducted in relation to their role and safeguarding.
- In respect of training, some Officers have already received training; others are booked on training courses over the year. Safeguarding Champions have been appointed in each of the teams across the organisation; part of their role is to identify staff that require training.
- The Section 11 Audit will be reviewed and updated by the Environmental and Housing Services Group Manager and the Housing Services Manager on a quarterly basis.

3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 None.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 None.

5.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES

5.1 Tewkesbury Safeguarding & Children's Policy

6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

6.1 Statutory Guidance on making arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 (HM Government 2005)

Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (HM Government 2006)

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

7.1 Training costs

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)

8.1 None.

9.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)

9.1 None.

10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

10.1 None.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices: Appendix 1 - Audit Report (including appendices)
Appendix 2 – Progress against recommendations