

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Communities Committee and Leisure & Arts Services Committee
- 18 December 2006

REPORT ON: Care and Protection of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk in the
Leisure and Communities Department

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for a single care and protection policy and guidance for the Leisure and Communities Department.
- 1.2 To advise Committee over arrangements to ensure ongoing self-evaluation of Leisure and Communities Care and Protection policy and procedures.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Approves the revised, updated care and protection policy and guidance for the Leisure and Communities Department.
- 2.2 Endorses plans to ensure the ongoing self-evaluation of care and protection policy and procedures in the Leisure and Communities Department.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICAITONS

- 3.1 None.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Sustainability
The current revenue budget can sustain the implications for training and operation of the policy guidance.
- 4.2 Strategic Environmental Implications
None.
- 4.3 Anti-Poverty
The guidance addresses aspects of social inclusion specifically "ensuring safety and security".

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report addresses Equal Opportunities by ensuring that measures are in place to ensure that children, young people and adults at risk can participate safely in Leisure and Communities Department programmes.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 In 2005 the former Leisure and Arts and Communities Departments of Dundee City Council were merged to form the new Leisure and Communities Department
- 6.2 With the merger came the need for a single Care and Protection Policy and Guidance for the new Department.
- 6.3 The Leisure and Communities Department is represented on Dundee's Committee for the Care and Protection of Children and Young People (CCPCYP) by the Manager, Children and Young People.
- 6.4 The Department participates fully in the multi-agency self-evaluation process lead by the CCPCYP and using indicators described in Protecting Children and Young People Framework for Standards (2004).
- 6.5 The Department also self-evaluates its Care and Protection policy/practice via the Department's Staff Development and Quality Assurance Team under the overview of the Department's Care and Protection Committee.
- 6.6 The Department ensures that training is undertaken to appropriate levels with all staff in the Department and in line with the multi-agency training programme being developed by the CCPCYP.
- 6.7 Copies of the Leisure & Communities Department Policy and Guidance for the Care and Protection of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk will be placed in the Members Lounge prior to Committee.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and the Lead Officer for Child Protection have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The following background papers have been used in the preparation of this report:
- "Protecting Children and Young People: Framework for Standards", 2004, Scottish Executive.
- "Guidance on Sharing Information", 2000, Scottish Executive.
- "It's Everyone's Job To Make Sure I'm Alright", 2002, Scottish Executive.
- "Getting It Right For Every Child", 2006, Scottish Executive.
- "How Well Are Children and Young People Being Protected and their Needs Met", 2005, Scottish Executive.
- "UN Convention on the Rights of the Child", 1989, United Nations.
- "Policy & Guidance for the Care & Protection of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk", 2006, Leisure & Communities Department

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