

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 8TH JANUARY, 2025

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 19TH DECEMBER, 2024

“C208 CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID-TERM REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024 (SCH) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to provide a summary on the activity that had been undertaken in relation to Corporate arrangements for Safeguarding across the Council and provide assurance around safeguarding activity taking place across the Council.

The Corporate Safeguarding Group had cross-Directorate representation from Housing, Place, Education and Social Services as well as with Human Resources colleagues to ensure that safeguarding was a Corporate concern.

Councillor Birch said that all staff took safeguarding seriously as the Authority was responsible for many vulnerable people and it was essential that processes were in place, adhered to and regularly reviewed. Councillor Williams agreed and added that the Corporate Safeguarding Group also looked at case and practice reviews as well as any further learning that came forward.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the work that had been undertaken to improve corporate arrangements for safeguarding and protecting children and adults be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet would continue to receive six monthly reports on work carried out to monitor Corporate Safeguarding arrangements and its effectiveness.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to all Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that Cabinet was aware of recent developments in corporate arrangements for safeguarding.

(2) To allow Cabinet to exercise effective oversight of that key area of corporate working.

(3) To ensure that there was a wide-reaching level of Member oversight regarding that important area.”