

Committee: Safeguarding Sub-Committee	Dated: 10/02/2020
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Summary

This report sets out the updated Corporate Safeguarding Policy. This policy has been approved by Chief Officers.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the updated Corporate Safeguarding Policy (see Appendix 1).

Main Report

Background

1. Safeguarding is a duty of the City of London Corporation (City Corporation) and it is everyone's responsibility, regardless of their role or the department they work in.
2. The Corporate Safeguarding Policy provides guidance for all City Corporation staff, Members and individuals, consultants and agencies contracted by the Corporation who, in the context of their work, may come across concerns regarding the safeguarding and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.
3. It supports the City Corporation in achieving Corporate Plan outcome one: that people are safe and feel safe.
4. Linked to the Corporate Safeguarding Policy, a network of Safeguarding Champions was established across the organisation. These champions were responsible for overseeing the City Corporation's safeguarding responsibilities in relation to their department and the organisations that they work with.

Current Position

5. The Policy has recently been reviewed and updated as part of its annual review cycle and following an internal audit of safeguarding. This is attached for Members' information (Appendix 1).
6. Alongside this, we are keen to relaunch the network of Safeguarding Champions to fully embed safeguarding responsibilities across the organisation. Some of the existing champions have moved on or no longer perform this role. Chief Officers have been asked to nominate a Safeguarding Champion for their departments.
7. Chief Officers have also been asked to report to the Director of Community and Children's Services every six months on the discharge of their safeguarding responsibilities.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

8. The Corporate Safeguarding Policy contributes to a number of strategic objectives including:
 - Corporate Plan outcome one, and Departmental Business Plan – People feel safe and are safe
 - Children and Young People's Plan 2018–21 priority one – Our children and young people are safe and feel safe
 - Education Strategy 2019–23 – Education is safe, inclusive, supportive and empowering for all, regardless of age, background or circumstance.

Conclusion

9. The Corporate Safeguarding Policy is set in the context of the City Corporation's safeguarding responsibilities and duties. It gives guidance for staff, Members and commissioned services or contractors who may come across safeguarding concerns.
10. To ensure that the City Corporation's safeguarding responsibilities are being discharged across the organisation, Chief Officers have been asked to nominate Safeguarding Champions for their departments, and to report to the Director of Community and Children's Services every six months on how safeguarding responsibilities have been discharged.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Corporate Safeguarding Policy

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