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KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 2023/113

Committee:-	Council
Date:-	24 th April 2024
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Report Title:-	Safeguarding Policy
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to adopt the attached safeguarding policy.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to approve the attached policy

3. Information

- 3.1. The Council currently doesn't have a safeguarding policy, mostly because it has limited conditions where staff or members are in unsupervised contact with young or vulnerable people. Nevertheless, risks exist and the main ones now relate to:-
- events management such as Kettering by the Sea, Friday night discos and skateboarding sessions, all aimed at young people as well as families, all of which were new in 2023. .
 - the appointment and management of a Mayor's cadet from May 2024
- 3.2. A draft policy has been drawn up and is attached as Appendix A. The Council will always ask partner organisations which provide us with services such as the management of events, for sight of their safeguarding policies and will continue to

require public liability insurance of between £1m and £5m (depending on risk level) for all traders and activity providers involved in the Council's events or activities.

4. Consultation and Engagement

None

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1. A safeguarding policy will be helpful should there be any relevant insurance claim made by the Council and in case of complaint or challenge to our activities. It will provide guidance to staff, volunteers and members whilst they are engaged on Town Council business.
- 5.2. There is a cost to securing DBS certificates, standard ones cost £27.50 so this cost will need to be accommodated within administrative and events budgets as the need arises to secure them

6. Climate change implications

None

7. Policy Implications

The policy will provide additional reassurance that the Town Councils acts with propriety and due diligence.

Background Papers