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THURSDAY, 27TH MARCH, 2025

Supplementary Agenda

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Procedure for the discharge of business at this meeting

The Leader of the Council welcomes the attendance of members of the public and non-Executive councillors at this meeting.

The procedure for dealing with each item of business shall be as follows:

1. Lead Councillor to introduce report on the matter.
2. Non-Executive councillors invited to ask a question or comment, for which they will have a maximum of **five** minutes each.
3. Lead councillor to respond to any questions/comments.
4. Executive debates the matter
5. Lead councillor to respond to any questions/comments.
6. Executive to make decision on the matter.

Agenda item 5: Safeguarding Policy and Procedure

Lead Councillor: Councillor Carla Morson, Lead Councillor for Community and Organisational Development

Lead Officers: Samantha Hutchison, Assistant Director of Community Services

Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 10 March 2025:

OSS38 SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The Assistant Director of Community Services introduced the report submitted to the Committee and praised the work of the Joint Family Support/Refugee Resettlement Team Leader and the Community Wellbeing Team Leader in its preparation. She advised the meeting that the proposed safeguarding policy and procedure aligned the policy approach with Waverley Borough Council. The Assistant Director of Community Services stated that the purpose of the report was to request the views and comments of the Committee prior to asking the Executive to approve the new safeguarding policy and procedure for the Council. She outlined to Councillors the respective safeguarding responsibilities of the Council and Surrey County Council. The Assistant Director of Community Services indicated that Councillor training on safeguarding was to be arranged and she suggested the value in reports to the Committee on safeguarding trends and illustrative case studies. The Chair and other Committee members welcomed the suggestion of safeguarding training for Councillors.

The Strategic Director for Housing, Communities, and Environment praised the new safeguarding policy and the efforts of the Joint Family Support/Refugee

Resettlement Team Leader and the Community Wellbeing Team Leader in preparing the documents submitted to the Committee.

In response to a question, the Assistant Director of Community Services advised that safeguarding referral mechanisms would change with Local Government Reorganisation and the move to a unitary council.

The Assistant Director of Community Services confirmed that there was not specific reference to asylum seekers within the new safeguarding policy and that everyone would be treated equally.

In reply to a query from the Chair, the Assistant Director of Community Services suggested that an annual report to the Committee on safeguarding at the Council would show trends and improvements. The Committee agreed to add such a report to its work plan.

The Chair thanked officers for attending.