

## AGENDA ITEM: 12

### SUMMARY

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>24 March 2015</b>
<b>Part:</b>	<b>1</b>
If Part II, reason:	

<b>Title of report:</b>	Review of Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
Contact:	Councillor Neil Harden, Portfolio Holder for Resident and Regulatory Services.  Author/Responsible Officer Julie Still - Group Manager Resident Services, David Austin – Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Delivery.
Purpose of report:	To consider the approval of the revised Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures
Recommendations	That Cabinet note the revised Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures and recommend Council to approve them.
Corporate Objectives:	Clean and safe environment Community capacity Dacorum delivers
Implications:	<u>Financial</u>  Within existing budgets.
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u>  None relating to this report.
Risk Implications	The intention of this report is to comply with legislation and to ensure therefore that children and young people are safeguarded and protected from abuse when they are engaged in services organised and provided by, or on behalf of, the Council.
Community Impact Assessment	
Health And Safety Implications	The health and safety implications are contained within the policy.

Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer Comments	<p><b>Deputy Monitoring Officer:</b></p> <p>No comments to add to the report.</p> <p><b>S.151 Officer:</b></p> <p>No comments to add to the report.</p>
Consultees:	
Background papers:	<p>Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board's advice and Children Act 2004, s11 self-audit required standards.</p> <p>Dacorum Borough Council Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures 2011.</p> <p>Operation Halo</p> <p>Counter Terrorism and Security Bill</p>
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	

## Background

1. Dacorum Borough Council is not a Children's Services Authority and therefore does not lead on the Safeguarding of children and young people, it does however, have a statutory duty to work with Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board under section 11 of Children Act 2004.
2. The Safeguarding policy and procedures reflect the requirements of section 11 of the Children Act 2004 for which Dacorum Borough Council is required to complete a self-audit, including supporting evidence, on a regular basis. The audit is reviewed and monitored by Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board.
3. The Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures was written in 2011 and has been reviewed following changes in, legislation, good practice and specific areas of concern and priority.
4. The revised documents are attached at appendix A and appendix B, the key areas of change are: -
  - a. Specific requirement relating to national and local operations to target child sexual exploitation.
  - b. The requirement identified in the Counter Terrorism and Security Bill that all Local Authority policies should have regard to their responsibilities under Prevent which is one of four streams of work under CONTEST – the United Kingdom's counter terrorism strategy.

5. There will be additional training requirements to address the new areas of Safeguarding, namely the areas of child sexual exploitation and Prevent and to address this Officers from Resident Services are being trained as trainers to deliver this to front line staff.

**Appendix A – Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy and Procedures**

**Appendix B – Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Supporting Appendices**