

TERMS OF OFFICE

Lead Member for Safeguarding

GENERAL

The Lead Member is responsible for supporting the Executive Portfolio Holders for Children's Services and for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing in all matters relating to the Council's affairs in respect of safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. In particular this will involve:-

1. Liaising with members of the Executive, particularly where safeguarding matters could impact upon other aspects of Council business or the Borough generally.
2. Advising the Executive Portfolio Holders for Children's Services and for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing in the development and implementation of key safeguarding policy.
3. Participating as necessary in the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and promoting the value of Scrutiny in all matters relating to the Council's affairs in respect of safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults.
4. Representing and acting as an ambassador for the Council.
5. Promoting a neighbourhood and area focus across the Council and the Borough.
6. Working with other Members of the Executive on matters, as directed by the Leader or the Executive Portfolio Holders for Children's Services and for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing.
7. Ensuring effective partnership working in respect of matters within these terms of reference.

8. Overseeing the timely progress of reviews or inspections insofar as they relate to safeguarding assurance.
9. Exercising a monitoring role regarding performance and ensuring progress toward meeting the Executive's key objectives in these areas.

Working with the Executive Member for Children's Services

In accordance with the statutory guidance on the role and responsibilities of Lead Members for Children's Services, the Executive Member for Children's Services, who acts as the authority's statutory Lead Member for Children's Services, is supported by the Lead Member for Safeguarding "to assist in the exercise of his/her (the Executive Member for Children's Services) functions and duties". The Executive Member for Children's Services, however, will need to maintain "effective overview and overall political accountability for the full range of local authority children's services".

This will be achieved by the Lead Member for Safeguarding:

- having delegated responsibilities for aspects of the Executive Member for Children's Services role; and
- reporting on a regular basis to the Executive Member for Children's Services on how these delegated responsibilities are being exercised.

Reports recommending decisions to be made by the Executive will be signed by the Executive Member for Children's Services.

Working with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing is supported by the Lead Member for Safeguarding "to assist in the exercise of his/her (the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing) functions and duties". The Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing however, will need to maintain "effective overview and overall political accountability for the full range of local authority adult social care services".

This will be achieved by the Lead Member for Safeguarding:

- having delegated responsibilities for aspects of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing role; and
- reporting on a regular basis to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing on how these delegated responsibilities are being exercised.

Reports recommending decisions to be made by the Executive will be signed by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing.

Areas of Responsibility:

The Lead Member for Safeguarding is responsible for championing all aspects of safeguarding activity across the council. They will provide advice and support to the Executive in fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities and undertake certain activities on their behalf.

Specific roles and responsibilities will be:-

- Elected Member representative in attendance at the Trafford Safeguarding Children's Board
- Elected Member representative in attendance at the Adult Safeguarding Board
- Executive oversight of all LA Safeguarding policies and procedures
- Oversight of the Council's safeguarding training programme for members
- Securing effective member engagement in:
 - Regulation 33 visits
 - Fostering and Adoption Panels
- Executive liaison with the Principal Social Workers for adults and children's services to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for the recruitment, retention, professional development and quality assurance of social work practice