



WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Combined Safeguarding Policy for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

Children, young people and vulnerable adults have the right to participate and be safe in the services provided for them regardless of age, race, disability, culture or gender. This includes a right to protection from abuse.

Under the Children Act 2004 and the Apprenticeships Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, Chelmsford City Council has a duty to co-operate with Essex County Council in discharging its duties as a Children's Services Authority and to promote the well-being of children and young people.

West Hanningfield Parish Council can carry out its responsibilities by ensuring that the needs and interests of children, young people and vulnerable adults are considered by all Councillors, employees, volunteers and contracted services, and when taking decisions in relation to recruitment and service provision.

Policy statement

West Hanningfield Parish Council provides a wide range of services and facilities. This policy aims to ensure that an overarching approach to safeguarding covers all services. West Hanningfield Parish Council will promote the welfare and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults within all services by:

- Respecting the rights, wishes, feelings and privacy of children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Preventing abuse by promoting good practice, creating a safe and healthy environment and avoiding situations where abuse or allegations of abuse occur.
- Taking seriously and responding appropriately and promptly to all concerns, incidents and allegations. Reporting in the first instance to the Clerk and Chairman of the Council.
- Providing training appropriate to the level of involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults to ensure that employees understand the different forms abuse as well as their roles and responsibilities under the Council's Codes of Conduct and the Combined Safeguarding Policy.
- Requiring organisations that the Council contracts with or that provide the Council with services, to have appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place.
- Not tolerating harassment of any Councillors, employees, volunteers, contracted service providers or children / vulnerable adults who raise concerns of abuse.

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