

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Public Protection Committee
<b>DATE</b>	20 February 2019
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the Adult Protection Committee's Biennial Report for 2016/18 to give assurance to Committee members on the impact and effectiveness of adult support and protection improvement initiatives in the City.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee: -

- 2.1 Note the content of the Biennial report as attached.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018, a report was presented to the Public Protection Committee which contained a summary of how Adult Support and Protection statutory duties were discharged by Aberdeen City Council and to give assurance of the arrangements in place to meet such duties.
- 3.2 Sections 42 and 43 of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, and the Scottish Government Guidance for Adult Protection Committees (2008), defines the functions of the Adult Protection Committees (APC) and that of the Independent Convenor. The Committee is a multi-agency independent forum that reports to Scottish Government to give assurance that adult protection duties are discharged effectively by all statutory partners.

3.3 The role of the APC is to monitor and advise relevant agencies on adult protection procedures to make sure that all partners work together effectively. Representation on the APC includes:

- Council Officers
- NHS Grampian
- Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership
- Police Scotland,
- Advocacy Services Aberdeen
- Aberdeen Council for Voluntary Organisations
- Scottish Ambulance
- Scottish Fire and Rescue.

3.4 The APC has oversight of adult protection activity and has a key role in making recommendations to statutory partners to ensure that adult protection activity is effective. The APC is required to discharge a range of duties, which include:

- Reviewing adult protection practices
- Improving co-operation
- Improving skills and knowledge
- Providing information and advice
- Promoting good communication

3.5 The Chief Officers Group for Public Protection provides oversight and a line of accountability to the APC. The minute of each meeting of the APC is presented to the Chief Officers Group with regular exception reports on activities and progress on the Improvement Plan. The Biennial Report is also submitted Chief Officers Group.

3.6 The Independent Convenor has the responsibility to produce a Biennial Report for Scottish Government on adult protection to highlight the work undertaken and progress by the APC.

3.7 This report is consistent with the content and format guidance laid down by the Scottish Government. The report does not provide a complete account of all activity undertaken over the period, rather an overview of key projects and activities.

- 3.8 Within the Biennial report it gives an overview of the recent follow up inspection of services for older people, which included recommendations relating to adult protection. In June 2018, the Care Inspectorate and Health Improvement Scotland undertook a follow-up review inspection to consider progress on the eight recommendations made in their inspection report in 2016. The [review report](#) was published on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and it was noted that good progress had been made in relation to the recommendations and that no further scrutiny was required. The review report was reported to the Chief Officers Group, the Audit, Performance and Scrutiny Committee and the APC to give assurance on progress made.
- 3.9 Operational delivery of adult protection was delegated to the Health and Social Care Partnership. Within the partnership's governance structure, adult protection is reported to the Clinical & Care Governance Committee and the Audit, Performance and Scrutiny Committee, both being sub committees of the Integrated Joint Board. The Biennial report will also be reported to these sub committees.
- 3.10 The Biennial report was submitted to Scottish Government after approval by the Adult Protection Committee on 13 December 2018 and the Chief Officers Group for Public Protection on 18 December 2018.
- 3.11 The Biennial report is before the Public Protection Committee to give assurance in respect of the impact and effectiveness of adult support and protection initiatives and to provide an update on the progress made on key areas in relation to the improvement plan.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
<b>Financial</b>	None for this report		
<b>Legal</b>	None for this report		
<b>Employee</b>	None for this report		
<b>Customer</b>	None for this report		
<b>Environment</b>	None for this report.		
<b>Technology</b>	None for this report.		
<b>Reputational</b>	Failure of the council to have oversight of adult protection activity could result in systemic failings and damage the reputation of the council.	M	Along with the Adult Protection Committee and the Executive Group for Public Protection, scrutiny by this committee of adult protection services will give assurance of compliance with legislation, national standards and guidance along with local policies and procedures.

## 7. OUTCOMES

<b>Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes</b>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Prosperous People</b>	People in Aberdeen are happy and healthy and enjoy positive life outcomes. We ensure citizens of Aberdeen are supported and protected from harm and are supported to live as independently as possible. In partnership we will strive to identify, reduce and respond to risk of harm to vulnerable adults.
<b>Prosperous Place</b>	People experience Aberdeen as the best place to invest, live and visit. We will create safe and resilient communities and respond to harm when detected and reduce the likelihood of harm occurring.
<b>Design Principles of Target Operating Model</b>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Customer Service Design</b>	Appropriate oversight of adult protection services provides assurances in the areas of the Prevention and Early Intervention, Customer Centric and Collaboration design principles.
<b>Governance</b>	Appropriate oversight of services delivering adult protection provides assurance to both the organisation and the public in terms of meeting the council's statutory duties, and contributes to compliance with agreed standards.
<b>Partnerships and Alliances</b>	Adult Support and Protection is a multi-agency responsibility and duties are discharged in collaboration with a number of partnership organisations such as Police Scotland, NHS Grampian, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sector organisations.

## 8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Equality &amp; Human Rights Impact Assessment</b>	Full EHRIA not required
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty</b>	Not applicable

## 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

## 10. APPENDICES

**Appendix A - Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report.**

## 11. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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