



CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULT POLICY

This statement of policy is intended to apply to all its work with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability.

This declaration of policy applies to Fishbourne Parish Council, all its Committees, Task Groups and any other bodies which may be established from time to time including volunteers acting on its behalf.

It is the duty of all the above, to the best of his or her ability, to safeguard the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Parish duties.

The Council will endeavour to ensure safeguarding by:

- Actively encouraging a climate through which protection issues are regarded as an essential part of Council activities and events.
- Adopting protection guidelines that give clear procedures and a code of conduct for Members, employees and associated volunteers.
- Planning all events and activities so that protection issues are properly addressed.
- Sharing information on protection and good practice with children, parents and carers, staff, helpers and associated volunteers.
- Issuing guidelines on how to deal with the disclosure or discovery of abuse and sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know.
- Providing appropriate training for Members, employees and associated volunteers in the processes and procedures of child and vulnerable adult protection.