

Kingston Parish Council

(Chairman Councillor Mrs.J.R. Rowland.)

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THE CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY

This declaration of policy applies to Kingston Parish Council (the Council) all its Committees (if any), Working Parties and any other bodies which may be established from time to time.

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

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority.

It is the duty of every member of the Council, its employees, and volunteers acting on its behalf, to safeguard to the best of his or her ability, the welfare of and prevent the assault, 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.
- Actively encouraging the co-option of Members (where applicable), the appointment of employees, and the selection of volunteers (where applicable) with responsibility for protection issues in carrying out Council duties and activities.
- 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.

- Monitoring and reviewing this policy and the associated procedures on a regular basis, at least annually.

This policy was adopted by the Parish Council at its meeting on 14th. May, 2007

D.F. Jarman
Clerk to the Council.