

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

REFERENCE FROM LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025

“ CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT –  
NOVEMBER 2024 (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 as contained within the agenda was presented by the Safeguarding Officer – Additional Learning Needs.

Councillor W. Hennessy queried the uptake of safeguarding training for school governors, and he asked whether there aware any plans to make the safeguarding module mandatory. In response, the Safeguarding Officer stated that there were no plans to make the training mandatory, which had been discussed at length by the Corporate Safeguarding Group. A piece of compliance work was planned to take place shortly, and there had been discussions around training undertaken by Elected Members who were also on school governing bodies.

Councillor H. Payne commented why wouldn't a committed school governor undertake safeguarding training. She also queried whether there were any recruitment delays because of the need to complete safeguarding training. In reply, the Safeguarding Officer stated that he could only respond on the basis of Learning and Skills, and that there were not any delays as the department would complete risk assessments.

It was noted that all Vale of Glamorgan Councillors had completed the relevant Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, and it was noted that roles within a school required a separate DBS check to be completed, as a check may not be up to date.

The Committee agreed that safeguarding training should be mandatory for all school governors.

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the Corporate Safeguarding Mid-Year Summary Report – November 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T Cabinet be advised of the view of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee that it should be a mandatory requirement for all School Governors to undertake safeguarding training.

### Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To advise Cabinet of the view of the Scrutiny Committee that safeguarding training should be mandatory for all School Governors.”