



## Vulnerable Adult Protection Statement

Vulnerable adult protection representative: Town Clerk

Corby Town Council is committed to ensuring the protection of vulnerable adults through the development and implementation of effective policies and best practice.

Councillors, staff and volunteers, recognise and accept the responsibility to develop and raise awareness of the issues involved in working with vulnerable adults.”

### Objectives

1. To provide an environment in which vulnerable adults feel safe and valued
2. To exercise a Duty of Care and ensure that all councillors, staff and volunteers working with vulnerable adults are carefully selected, understand and accept responsibility for the safety of vulnerable adults in our community.
3. To enable councillors, staff, volunteers, user group members and customers to feel confident in reporting any issues on vulnerable adult protection.
4. To work with, share information with and inform councillors, staff, volunteers and colleagues on all issues of vulnerable adult protection and its implementation.
5. To review and update this policy and practice on a regular basis.

### Principles

#### **Empowerment - Presumption of person led decisions and informed consent.**

We give individuals relevant information about recognising abuse and the choices available to them to ensure their safety. We give them clear information about how to report abuse and crime and any necessary support in doing so. We consult them before we take any action. Where someone lacks capacity to make a decision, we always act in his or her best interests.

#### **Protection - Support and representation for those in greatest need.**

Complaints, reporting arrangements for abuse and suspected criminal offences and risk assessments work effectively. Our governance arrangements are open and transparent and communicated to all.

#### **Prevention - It is better to take action before harm occurs.**

We can effectively identify and appropriately respond to signs of abuse and suspected criminal offences. We make staff aware, through provision of appropriate training and guidance, of how to recognise signs and take any appropriate action to prevent abuse occurring. In all our work, we consider how to make communities safer.



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### **Proportionality – Proportionate and least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.**

Discuss with the individual and where appropriate with partner agencies the proportionality of possible responses to the risk of significant harm before we take a decision. Our arrangements support the use of professional judgement and the management of risk.

### **Partnership - Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.**

To have effective arrangements in place and staff understand these. We foster a “one” team approach that places the welfare of individuals above organisational boundaries.

### **Accountability - Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.**

The roles are clear, together with the lines of accountability. Staff understand what is expected of them and others. They recognise their responsibilities to each other, act upon them and accept collective responsibility for safeguarding arrangements.

A vulnerable adult protection statement makes it clear to all what is required in relation to the protection of vulnerable adults.

The Vulnerable Adult Protection Representative must ensure that all councillors, staff and volunteers have read and understood this policy.

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