

Littleham and Landcross Parish Council

Safeguarding Policy and Procedure Adopted date 02.03.2023

Policy Statement Children, young people and vulnerable adults have the right to participate, have fun and be safe in the services provided for them and the activities they choose, or their parents/carers choose for them.

Littleham and Landcross Parish Council (The Council) is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and protecting them from abuse when they are engaged in services organised and provided by the Council.

The Council will endeavour to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from abuse and suspicion of abuse. In the event of any complaint or suspicion of abuse the Council will be respond promptly and appropriately.

The Council will:

- act in the best interest of the child, young person or vulnerable adult at all times.
- pro-actively seek to promote the welfare and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults permanent residents or temporarily living in the community at all times.
- ensure that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children, young people and vulnerable adults through using safe recruitment and selection processes.
- take any concern made by a service user, employee, volunteer or child/vulnerable adult seriously and sensitively.

Concerns cannot be anonymous and should be made in the knowledge that, during the course of any enquiries, it may be necessary to involve other appropriate Agencies to whom the nature and details of the complaint or referral will be made clear.

The Council will not tolerate harassment of any service user, employee, volunteer or child/vulnerable adult who raises concerns of abuse.

Any complaint or suspicion of abuse will be advised to The Parish Clerk, who will report the concern to Devon County Council Children's Service or Adult Services departments. Those raising the concern must be made aware that the concern will be shared with appropriate people, but will be treated in confidence as far as possible. Officers, employees and volunteers must not discuss the concern except with the designated officer and any agent of the organisation responsible for investigating the concern.

Signed Chair of the Council _____

Date _____