



meeting	<b>SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS SELECT COMMITTEE</b>	
date	<b>7 July 2008</b>	<b>agenda item number</b>

## **Report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee**

### **Purpose of the report**

1. To introduce Eddie Moorecroft, Vice Chair Learning Disability Partnership.

### **Background**

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on February 18 2008 commissioned a Select Committee to contribute to policy development within the safeguarding vulnerable adult's agenda. It would consider the impact of the wider safeguarding remit and if policies and procedures/services reflect the requirements of forthcoming legislation.
3. At its first meeting the Select Committee received an initial presentation by departmental officers which provided information concerning the arrangements in Nottinghamshire for safeguarding vulnerable adults. This included details about the move from Adult Protection to Safeguarding Adults and the establishment of separate safeguarding arrangements for the City and the County. The implications of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 were also discussed.
4. The Select Committee focused on the role of partners at the meeting on the 2 June. Representatives from Nottinghamshire tPCT and Nottinghamshire Police attended and informed Members about their responsibilities and procedures for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults; they also discussed what they considered to be the key issues. Members also learnt about the Mental Capacity Act, the plans in place for its implementation in Nottinghamshire and a brief overview of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

### **Issues**

5. Eddie Moorcroft, Vice Chair Learning Disability Partnership (LDPB) will inform Members about issues relating to safeguarding and expectations from his perspective as a service user. The LDPB gives

service users and carers the opportunity to have their say about services and issues that affect their lives. The board gives funding and makes decisions on services and projects that benefit people with a learning disability. The membership of the board includes councillors, representatives from Adult Social Care and Health, the voluntary sector, health and service users.

### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee –
  - consider and ask questions regarding the information provided to the Select Committee.

**Councillor Chris Winterton**

**Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee**

Background papers: nil.