

# Child and Vulnerable Adult's Protection Policy

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## BACKGROUND

### **POLICY**

Ripley Town Council has adopted this Child and Vulnerable Adult's Policy to provide a sound structure to the way it conducts its business

## **RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Child And Vulnerable Adult's Protection Policy**

Ripley Town Council has a legal obligation to ensure an appropriate standard of care for those people who use our services. The purpose of the policy is to safeguard children, young people or vulnerable adults using our services and to facilitate the best possible professional practice from the Council, its staff, and all service deliverers.

This policy applies to anyone working for or on behalf of the Town Council whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Children and young people:**

Anyone under the age of 18 years

#### **Vulnerable Adult:**

Anyone over 18 who is:

- Unable to care for themselves
- Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation
- Or may be in need of community care services

The Council is committed to ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected and kept safe from harm whilst they are engaged in any activity / event associated with the Town Council.

We will endeavour to achieve this by:

- Ensuring that our staff are carefully selected, trained and supervised.
- Ensuring that any contractors used to deliver services on behalf of the Town Council have current enhanced CRB Checks, a Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults policy and Risk Management assessment in place.
- Being available to parents, carers and children and vulnerable adults to voice their concerns or lodge complaints if they feel unsure or unhappy about any issue.

## APPENDIX - CONTRACTORS DECLARATION FORM

Ripley Town Council is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of children and vulnerable adults by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

As a contractor of Ripley Town Council, it is essential that you have taken the time to thoroughly read this Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy. By being made aware of the policy, it is our intention to ensure that **all** contractors are pro-active in providing a safe environment for the young and vulnerable people in their care.

### Contractors Declaration

I have read and fully understood the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy, and hereby declare that I will carry out my role in line the policy statement contained therein.

Signed.....Name.....

Date.....

Company.....