1. **Decision required**

   Cabinet is requested to:

1.1 Note the 2018/19 Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report, and make any comments on the report which may assist the Safeguarding Adults Board in assuring itself of the effectiveness of safeguarding for adults in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

2. **Links to the Royal Greenwich**

2.1 This report relates to the Council’s agreed high level objectives as follows:

   - Support and protect children and families in need
   - Social care and health

3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

3.1 The Annual Report informs Cabinet of the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding adults and actions being taken across agencies to strengthen them. The Independent Chair of the Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board will attend to present the report and answer any questions.

4. **Introduction and Background**

4.1 The Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership of representatives from the statutory sector and other non-statutory partner agencies.
4.2 Under the Care Act 2014, there is a clear legal framework for local authorities and other statutory agencies for safeguarding adults. It is a statutory requirement for each area to have in place a Safeguarding Adults Board. The Safeguarding Adults Board has three statutory functions; to develop an annual strategic plan, produce and publish an annual report and arrange Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

4.3 The Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board has strategic responsibility for the development, co-ordination, implementation and monitoring of multi-agency policies and procedures that safeguard and protect adults at risk in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

4.4 The Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board meets on a quarterly basis to provide leadership and set direction. The work of the Board is supported by a number of sub-groups that are responsible for delivering the activity to achieve the Board’s priorities.

4.5 The Leadership Executive Group (LEG), with representation from the three key statutory partners (the Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and the Police) and others has a leadership, governance and performance management role in ensuring the effective co-ordination of services to safeguard and promote the welfare of adults in accordance with the Care Act 2014. The LEG meets twice a year.

5. The Royal Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

5.1 The Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report, attached as Appendix 1, covers the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

5.2 The Annual Report summarises the key messages for safeguarding adults, addresses the requirements of the Care Act 2014, and highlights the work of the Board and partner agencies in delivering improvements and addressing emerging concerns.

5.3 The Annual Report identifies the progress made in realising objectives in 2018/19. The key areas of work for 2019/20 are included in the Board’s Strategic Plan for 2017-20. Progress against the Strategic Plan is reported at every Safeguarding Adults Board meeting.
5.4 Three key achievements for 2018/19 were as follows:

- Domestic Abuse videos produced together with the Metropolitan Police and screened across the Borough
- Safeguarding Adults month held in November 2018 and a joint conference with the Safer Greenwich Partnership on Domestic Abuse held on 28 November 2018
- Joint working with the Children’s Safeguarding Board to develop the ‘See the adult/See the child protocol’ and the first joint Board meeting held on 24 January 2019

5.5 Three key areas of focus for 2019/20 are as follows:

- Completing, publishing and ensuring lessons are learned from a number of Safeguarding Adults Reviews that are in progress
- Improving community and service user engagement with the Safeguarding Adults Board
- Delivering Safeguarding Adults month and a conference on ‘Transitions’

5.6 The Annual Report will also be presented to the Safer Greenwich Partnership and sent to the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), Healthwatch Greenwich, the Chief Constable, Metropolitan Police, and available to the public on the Safeguarding Adults Board’s website at: www.greenwichsafeguardingadults.org.uk

5.7 The Safeguarding Adults Board will hold a challenge event for all agencies in February 2020 to assess progress and identify priorities for the next three years.

5.8 The Annual Report for 2020/21 will be presented to Cabinet in September 2020.

6. **Reasons for Recommendations**
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7. **Consultation Results**

7.1 The Annual Report has been approved by the Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board and the Leadership Executive Group.
8. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

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<td><strong>Legal</strong> including Human Rights Act</td>
<td>By virtue of section 43 of the Care Act 2014 every local authority must establish a Safeguarding Adults Board for its area. The objective of the Board is to help and protect vulnerable adults in its area. Schedule 2 of the Care Act requires that as soon as feasible after the end of each financial year, the Safeguarding Adults Board must publish a report setting out the following: (a) what it has done during that year to achieve its objective, (b) what it has done during that year to implement its strategy, (c) what each member has done during that year to implement the strategy, (d) the findings of the reviews arranged by it under section 44 (safeguarding adults reviews) which have concluded in that year (whether or not they began in that year), (e) the reviews arranged by it under that section which are ongoing at the end of that year (whether or not they began in that year), (f) what it has done during that year to implement the findings of reviews arranged by it under that section, and (g) where it decides during that year not to implement a finding of a review arranged by it under that section, the reasons for its decision.</td>
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The 2018/2019 report of Greenwich’s Safeguarding Adults Board which is attached to this report complies with the statutory requirements set out above.
### Finance and other resources including procurement implications

Resources to fund this agreement will be met from the Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board revenue budget which is funded by the Council and other partner agencies.

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### Equalities

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act.

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9. **Report Appendices**

9.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- Appendix A: Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report
- Appendix B: Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Executive Summary

10. **Background Papers**

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