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| To: | Scrutiny Committee  |
| Date: | 03 September 2024 |
| Report of: | Executive Director (Communities and People) |
| Title of Report:  | Annual Safeguarding Report 2023-24 |

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| Summary and recommendations |
| Purpose of report: | To present the Annual Safeguarding Report 2023-24 |
| Key decision: | No |
| Cabinet Member: | Councillor Lubna Arshad, Cabinet Member for a Safer Oxford |
| Corporate Priority: | Thriving Communities |
| Policy Framework: | Council Strategy 2024-28 |
| Recommendation(s): That the Committee resolves to: |
| 1. | Note and comment on the report and agree any recommendations. |

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| Appendices |
| Appendix 1 | Oxford City Council Safeguarding Annual Report 2023-24 |

# Introduction and background

1. The Safeguarding Annual Report 2023-24 is included at **Appendix 1**. The report details the roles and responsibilities of the Council in working with partners across Oxfordshire to safeguard children and adults with care and support needs.
2. The Council’s responsibilities are governed by Oxfordshire’s Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements, which are the collective response to the statutory requirements placed upon the county by the Care Act 2014, the Children’s Act 2004, other acts of parliament and statutory guidance.
3. The report includes examples of where the Council meets its responsibilities in the services it provides, in recognition of the important role that the Council plays in safeguarding tenants, young people, and the citizens of Oxford.

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| Background Papers: None |