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IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS:

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	People – Fair and accessible services for those that use them and opportunities for everyone to contribute This priority focuses on delivering strong services and seeking to enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable.
Consultation:	All services are fully engaged in the data protection and risk assessment action planning process.
Legal:	Failure to meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act is illegal. It impacts the reputation of the Council and the Information Commissioner's office will issue fines in the event of DP breaches as well as public decision notices. A failure to guard personal data may result in identity theft.
Financial:	None identified by report author.
Human Resource:	All policies will be progressed through the Local Joint Panel and endorsed by the HR Committee.
	All service specific staff training will be led by the service, commissioned by HR with specialist advice from the Information Management team.
Risk Management:	In order to ensure compliance with the DP Act the Council has: a clear policy framework, guidance in place for all customers, staff and members to ensure safe information management; clear governance; embedded risk assessment and review processes and complete the Data Protection action plan. The Information management team take oversight of achievement of actions to mitigate service risks and the Operational risk Management Group have oversight of corporate wide DP risks and mitigating actions.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	None identified by report author.