

## **CHILD WELLBEING AND PROTECTION**

### **STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN – STRANRAER FOOTBALL CLUB**

Stranraer Football Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of those who engage with the Club, especially children and vulnerable adults. We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from all forms of harm and actively promote the creation of a positive, safe and supportive environment. We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child (up to the age of 18 years) is paramount;
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy. The purpose of the Club's Safeguarding Policy and procedures is to:
- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults;
- provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults;
- ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents or concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and it is dealt with confidentially;
- prevent the employment or engagement of unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and vetting procedures.

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**Chairman**

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