Community Hire Agreement
Appendix 1

Safeguarding / Child Protection Declaration

Oxfordshire County Council agrees to lease of the identified premises for the agreed use of these premises by the User.

The User undertakes to ensure that all staff or volunteers providing a service on behalf of the User will be made aware of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children’s Board child protection procedures, the DFE guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education (2015) and the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board multi-agency adult protection procedures.

Specifically the User will take responsibility for ensuring that all required safe recruitment checks are undertaken on any adult using [insert name] premises. (This should include enhanced DBS checks on all those likely to have unsupervised contact with children and young people or adults with care and support needs and a requirement that any allegation about inappropriate behaviour from any adult, employed or volunteering for the User is referred to:

- the Designated Officer for the Local Authority (LADO) where the alleged victim is under 18 years of age.
- the Social and Healthcare Team and raised as a safeguarding alert where the alleged victim is an adult with care and support needs,

In either case this will be done within 24 hours of the incident and before taking any action.

[Insert name of user representative] on behalf of [insert name of User organisation] accept the responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of all the children or young people for whom we provide a service. I accept the requirement to follow the guidance and procedures outlined above.

I/we agree to provide a copy of our child protection policy/safeguarding policy on request of the County Council. (Note where an organisation/individual does not hold a child protection policy, then they should confirm that they are aware of the OSCB procedures and agree to follow these).

I/we confirm that all adults either employed or being used on a voluntary basis to provide services on behalf of [insert name of user organisation] have been through the appropriate safe recruitment checks and have received and will continue to receive appropriate safeguarding training as dictated by the Safeguarding Boards.

[Insert name of the ‘user’ representative] of [insert name of the organisation] make this declaration to confirm that we agree to and accept the expectations of this agreement.
The user undertakes to uphold fundamental British values as defined within the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and will not seek to express or allow any individual in their organisation to express radical or extremist views.

Signed (on behalf of user organisation)

Date

(Please attach a copy of your organisation’s Child Protection Policy with this declaration where it exists).