

Agenda item:

Meeting: Cabinet Decision

Subject: Response to Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

Date of decision: 10th July 2014

Report by: Head of Health, Safety and Licensing

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1 **Summary**

The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel conducted a review of an assessment of the progress made following Portsmouth's review of domestic abuse and made a number of recommendations.

2 **Purpose of report**

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel's work.

3 **Recommendations**

- 1) That the panel be thanked for its work in undertaking the review.
- 2) That the Cabinet note and support the recommendations in the report (pages 12-14).

4 **Background**

The Traffic, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel scrutinised the Domestic Abuse Commissioning Strategy for Portsmouth, which was completed in January 2012, to review the implementation of the recommendations from this.

The panel scrutinised the strategic approach for development that was identified under the following topics:

- Strategic community response
- Raise awareness and understanding
- Domestic abuse safeguarding training
- Managing demand in the workforce
- Creating capacity to support medium and standard risk cases

5. Conclusion

The panel's recommendations are listed in Section 3 (page 12 of the report)

6. Reasons for recommendations

The recommendations in this report endorse the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Panel, and ensure that the recommendations leading from the panel's findings will be acted upon to ensure that a coordinated community response to domestic abuse is fully embedded across the city.

7. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

The recommendations in the report do not have an impact on people with any protected characteristics as described in the Equalities Act 2010. However, when the recommendations are being developed individual EIAs may be required. The recommendations could promote gender equality as although the majority of victims are women, it is recognised that some are men.

8. Legal implications

All information shared by individual agencies is subject to the relevant elements of the DPA 1998 and as such each agency should be fully aware of its obligations as data controller/processor both in respect to data it obtains and data that it shares. In addition the report will require to be initiated with full consideration of the Equality Act 2010.

9. Head of finance's comments

The domestic abuse support services are provided by a variety of organisations and funded from a variety of sources. Most of these organisations are experiencing reductions to their future funding. This may create budgetary pressures and impact on services going forward.

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Signed by: Head of Health, Safety and Licensing

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
1 Nil	
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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected byon the.....

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Signed by: Leader of the Council