

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS ON DOMESTIC ABUSE		
DATE OF DECISION:	17 SEPTEMBER 2019		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTHIER AND SAFER CITY		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
<p>From January to April 2019 the Scrutiny Panel undertook an inquiry looking at ways to consider what more may be done in Southampton to reduce domestic abuse with a focus on preventing people from abusing their intimate partner. The final report of the Scrutiny Panel was presented to Cabinet on 18 June 2019. This report presents Cabinet's response to the recommendations made by the Inquiry Panel.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	(i) To receive and approve the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to follow as a completed version of Appendix 1
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	The overview and scrutiny rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC), and to submit a formal response to the recommendations within them
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	<p>The Inquiry was set up to identify opportunities to reduce domestic abuse in Southampton. The stated objectives were:</p> <p>a) To develop understanding from a national and local level of domestic abuse, patterns of offending, and risk factors associated with perpetrators of domestic abuse.</p>

	<p>b) To consider the prevalence of perpetrating domestic abuse in Southampton; the services that are currently available across the life course in Southampton to reduce the likelihood of people becoming perpetrators of domestic abuse; the effectiveness of the services and gaps in provision.</p> <p>c) To identify what is being done elsewhere in preventing people from being perpetrators of domestic abuse and identify if these principles or initiatives could be introduced in Southampton.</p>
4.	The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 3 evidence gathering meetings between January 2019 and April 2019 and received information from a wide variety of organisations. This included Respect - the leading UK membership organisation that works with domestic abuse perpetrators and young and male victims, domestic abuse service providers, charitable and voluntary organisations including Hampton Trust and Yellow Door, SCC's Independent Domestic Violence Advocat service, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire & IOW Community Rehabilitation Company, commissioners, and Council Officers.
5.	The final Scrutiny Inquiry report was approved by OSMC on 13 June 2019
6.	The recommendations contained within the final report will be summarised as Appendix 1, with proposed lead agency or Officer, actions and potential resource implications set out against each recommendation.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Revenue</u>	
7.	Any proposals that requires additional expenditure will need the funding source to be identified before any costs are incurred.
8.	Based on the recommendations, additional funding is currently estimated at £136,137 per annum. Potential external funding sources could include the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), government funding and other funding opportunities as they arise. Any new funding from SCC will require approval through the Budget process or come from existing budgets which would require a corresponding identified saving.
9.	In response to the recommendations, indicative values have been provided where available but final costs will be dependent on final bids being developed against available funding.
ALTERNATIVE FUNDING OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
10.	The option to redirect funding from domestic and sexual abuse survivor and victim based services was considered and rejected. The current services are already under significant pressure to meet increasing demand. Reducing resources would impact negatively on a range of other
11.	The option to generate efficiencies by amalgamating SCC provided services with commissioned services was also considered. This option was also rejected as it moves away from the Southampton First policy approach which seeks to avoid out sourcing any currently provided SCC services.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
12.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	

<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
13.	s. 1 Localism Act 2011
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
14.	<p>The Equality Act 2010 imposes various duties on Local Authorities. In particular the duty to have due regard to its public sector equality duty when carrying out any function. In particular the duty to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and advance equality of opportunity and fostering good relations. Local Authorities also have a duty under the Human Rights Act 1998, when carrying out any function, not to act incompatibly with rights under the European Convention for the Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms.</p> <p>There are various duties imposed by legislation that require the Council to safeguard individuals and assist in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour. This includes the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 enables the Council to take a range of legal actions including seeking injunction orders.</p> <p>The Care Act 2014 imposes a statutory duty on the Council to safeguard vulnerable people who have needs for care and support who are suffering from abuse of neglect.</p>
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
15.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
16.	None

KEY DECISION?	Yes
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All Wards
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Response to recommendations
2.	Preventing perpetrators of intimate partner abuse in Southampton; A needs assessment (June 2019)

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.		No
Other Background Documents Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)	
1.	None	