

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – REDUCING AND PREVENTING DOMESTIC ABUSE IN SOUTHAMPTON		
DATE OF DECISION:	18 JUNE 2019		
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
<p>From January 2019 to April 2019 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook an inquiry looking at opportunities to reduce and prevent incidents of domestic abuse in Southampton. The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel report contains a number of recommendations which have been summarised in Appendix 2. Subject to the final report, attached as Appendix 1, being agreed at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) on 13 June 2019, Cabinet needs to formally respond to these recommendations within two months to meet the requirements in the Council’s constitution.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	<p>(i) Subject to the report attached as Appendix 1 being agreed at the meeting of the OSMC on 13 June 2019, Cabinet is recommended to receive the attached Scrutiny Inquiry Panel report to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council’s Constitution.</p>
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	The overview and scrutiny procedure 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 contained within them within two months of their receipt.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	The OSMC, at its meeting on 15 November 2018, requested that the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertake an inquiry looking at reducing and preventing domestic abuse in Southampton.
4.	<p>The set objectives of the inquiry 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 principals or initiatives could be introduced in Southampton.</p>
5.	The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 3 evidence gathering meetings 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 make victims, domestic abuse service providers, charitable and voluntary organisations including Hampton Trust and Yellow Door, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire & IOW Community Rehabilitation Company, commissioners, and Council Officers.
6.	The final report, attached as Appendix 1, contains 16 recommendations in total which, if implemented, the Panel believe will help to reduce and prevent domestic abuse through changing the culture and community response to perpetrator behaviour; increasing awareness of and pathways to perpetrator services; and using evidence to improve decision making in Southampton.
7.	The final report will not be considered by the OSMC until 13 June 2019, after the deadline for publication of Cabinet papers. Therefore, any amendments made by the OSMC will be reported to the Executive verbally at the Cabinet meeting.
8.	The Executive needs to consider the inquiry recommendations and to formally respond within two months of the date of receiving this report in order to meet the requirements set out in the Council's constitution.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>	
9.	In practice any future resource implication arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each individual recommendation within the inquiry report is progressed by the Executive. More detailed work will need to be undertaken by the Executive in considering its response to each of the recommendations set out in the report.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
10.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
11.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
12.	None.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
13.	The proposals contained within the appended report are in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework.

KEY DECISION?	No	
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton – Final Report	
2.	Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton – Conclusions and Recommendations	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (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		
Equality Impact Assessment and 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	