

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>		OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>		SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL – REDUCING AND PREVENTING DOMESTIC ABUSE IN SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT	
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>		13 JUNE 2019	
<b>REPORT OF:</b>		CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL	
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
None			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
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 final report of the Panel is attached as Appendix 1 for consideration and approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC).			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>			
	(i)	To consider and approve the final report of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, attached as Appendix 1, and forward it to the Executive for consideration and further action.	
	(ii)	To delegate authority to the Chair of the Committee to approve any minor amendments arising from considerations raised at the Committee's meeting on 13 June 2019.	
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
1.	In accordance with the Council's constitution, this Committee must approve the final report of a scrutiny inquiry and refer it to the Executive for consideration and further action.		
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>			
2.	None		
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>			
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.	The set objectives of the inquiry were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>b. To consider the prevalence of perpetrating domestic abuse in Southampton; the services that are currently available across the life</li> </ul>		

	<p>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 contains 16 recommendations in total, summarised in Appendix 2, 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.	A final report of the inquiry is attached as Appendix 1. This Committee needs to consider whether the report adequately responds to the inquiry objectives outlined in the terms of reference shown within the attached report.
8.	The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee procedure rules within the constitution require that within two months of the date of this Committee approving a final inquiry report, the Executive will consider the report and submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them. If this Committee is therefore minded to accept the final version of the report, then the document will be forwarded to the Executive on 18 June 2019 for further action.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u></b>	
9.	In practice any future resource implications arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each individual recommendations within the Inquiry report are 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 Inquiry report.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
10.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
11.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
12.	None

<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>		
13.	None.	
<b>KEY DECISION</b>		No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>		None directly as a result of this report
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>		
<b>Appendices</b>		
1.	Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton – Final Report	
2.	Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton – Conclusions and Recommendations	
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>		
1.	None	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Other Background Documents: Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>		
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	