

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	REDUCING AND PREVENTING DOMESTIC ABUSE IN SOUTHAMPTON - UPDATE ON PROGRESS AGAINST THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS		
DATE OF DECISION:	12 MARCH 2020		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTHIER & SAFER CITY		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not Applicable	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
This paper provides an update on the progress made against the recommendations approved by Cabinet, following the Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton Scrutiny Inquiry.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	That the Committee notes the progress made against the recommendations which are contained in Appendix 1.
(ii)	That the Committee notes the work to deliver the recommendations will continue over the next 2 years (up to end 2021).
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee with an update on progress against the Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton Scrutiny Inquiry recommendations.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2	Not applicable
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	In April 2019 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel concluded their inquiry into Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton. The Cabinet approved an action plan aimed at delivering the inquiry recommendations on 17 September 2019.
4.	Appendix 1 sets out the progress made to date against the action plan and identifies the next steps to be taken. There were 16 recommendations supported at the conclusion of the Inquiry covering a wide range of areas. These are set out in the attached appendix and show that good progress has been made for some of the recommendations.

5.	For a number of recommendations progress has been slower than anticipated, partly because of a delay to the Domestic Violence Bill as a result of the national election in December 2019. Changes in a number of post holders (Chair of the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy group, Head of Communications, and Service Delivery Officer supporting commissioned services) has also delayed progress in some areas.
6.	Over 50% of the recommendations (8 out of 15) require new funding to be secured. An estimate at the time of the Inquiry put the resources needed at approximately £137,000. Some of this was one off payments for research, while others would be recurring revenue funding.
7.	<p>The Action plan identified a number of sources of funding including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government funding in response to the new Domestic Violence Bill - Securing funding through charitable grant opportunities - Securing additional resources from SCC through budget setting process - OPCC funding. <p>There have been no external funding opportunities (grants, OPCC or Government) targeted at perpetrators and no application was made through the Council budget process.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
8.	There are no current financial implications. Any contribution from within the City Council would need to come from existing budgets and would require a corresponding identified saving.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
9.	Not applicable
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.	Not applicable
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
12.	Not applicable
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
13.	<p>The new Domestic and Sexual Abuse strategy will need to take account of recommendation 10 from the Scrutiny Inquiry, which sets out the following action:</p> <p><i>The existing Southampton DSA Strategy runs from 2017-2020. The strategy needs to be updated to reflect the Domestic Abuse Strategic Needs Assessment and the findings from this inquiry.</i></p>
KEY DECISION?	Yes
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

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| 1. | Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton – Progress against the Scrutiny Inquiry recommendations report. |
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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
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Data Protection Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
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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	