

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

17TH JULY 2014

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CABINET DECISION

DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY 2014-2017

Public Health - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Beall

1. Summary

The purpose of the report is to present the Domestic Abuse Strategy.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:-

1. Note the report and the Domestic Abuse Strategy.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations

Significant consultation has taken place to develop the Strategy, in addition to consultation that has taken place on the content of the Strategy in its draft form, including an elected members' session.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATION

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DETAIL

Background

1. Stockton's Domestic Abuse Strategy expired in March 2014. It was agreed in the Domestic Abuse Strategy Group that a new three-year Strategy should be produced.
2. From June to December 2013 significant consultation took place to develop the Strategy content. Consultation commenced with a stakeholder event in June with over 100 attendees, this was followed by consultation with those who experienced domestic abuse, those who perpetrated domestic abuse and children affected by domestic abuse. Consultation also took place with social care staff and sexual health staff. Domestic abuse was the topic of a Viewpoint questionnaire and formed part of the community safety consultation to inform the community safety plan.
3. Following this consultation a draft strategy was developed that included the themes identified during consultation and based on National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) Guidance published in February 2014 and other national guidance on violence prevention.
4. The Strategy was then taken to a number of groups for consultation and consideration including:

Local Safeguarding Children Board
Adult Safeguarding Board
Safer Stockton Partnership
The Health & Wellbeing Board and Partnership
The Domestic Abuse Strategy Group
Members Seminar Session

Following amendment from this consultation the draft Strategy was presented at a 'preview' event in the Arc to enable those interested in the content of the Strategy to also comment. The final version of the Strategy was presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board for approval in June 2014.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or legal implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

No risk assessment has been made.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

There are no Community Plan implications

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment has been conducted.

CONSULTATION

As described above

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Background Papers: None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Not ward specific

Property Implications: None