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REPORT TO CABINET
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Health, Leisure and Culture - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Steven Nelson

DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY 2022-2028

Summary

This report updates on the Domestic Abuse Strategy which was developed by the Domestic Abuse Steering Group. The Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2022-28 was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 November 2022.

Recommended that the report be noted.

The report recommends for Cabinet to:

1. Note the new Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-28

Detail

1. The Domestic Abuse Strategy for Stockton-on-Tees (2017-22) ended in 2022. The Domestic Abuse Steering Group (DASG) has overseen the development of a new strategy for 2022-28 on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. The development of the strategy was informed by
 - Review of the previous strategy
 - In depth needs assessment with a particular focus on children and young people and housing.
 - Review of national guidance and statutory requirements
 - Local need
 - Victim survivor voice,

Consultation and Engagement

3. The consultation of the draft strategy has taken place in October and November 2022 and involved extensive public and stakeholder consultation through presentation at meetings and an online consultation through viewpoint. The public online consultation resulted in 51 responses in addition to 14 responses from the stakeholder survey.
4. Feedback through the consultation has resulted in a number of changes to the strategy:
 - Review the period of the strategy and change to 2022-28
 - Further detail on service users and victim-survivors involvement in the development and consultation of the strategy
 - Strengthening of the strategy to highlight links to addressing inequalities, poor mental health and harm caused to children, young people and families
 - Consideration of repeat offending and harm to repeat victims as a priority
5. Feedback across all groups and through the online consultation also recommended the development of a strong action plan and to ensure explicit reference to the planned work on improving the analysis and use of collective intelligence to inform action across the system. An action plan and monitoring framework is being developed by the Domestic Abuse Steering Group.

Next Steps

6. The action plan is under development. A draft plan will be presented to the Domestic abuse steering group on the 16 February.
7. An initial soft launch of the strategy took place in December 2022 with the strategy being published on the SBC website. The launch of the strategy by Cllr Bob Cook is planned for the 1 February 2-4pm at the Jim Cooke Conference Suite.

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