

CABINET RESPONSE - MEMBER-LED REVIEW OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

To: Cabinet

Date: 27th September 2011

From: Service Director: Community Engagement

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: N/a *Key decision:* No

Purpose: **To respond to the findings and recommendations of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee member-led review of domestic abuse.**

Recommendation: **Cabinet is asked to:**

- 1) Thank the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for an excellent and thorough report**
- 2) Consider and agree the response to the recommendations.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A working group of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC) has produced a strong interim report on the subject of domestic abuse in the County.
- 1.2 It is recognised that this is an interim report of the sub-group, submitted in time to influence the Integrated Planning Process, and that a final report and recommendations of the review group will be issued in the New Year.

2. PROPOSED RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Recommendations 1 and 2:

- 1) Cabinet expand resources within the Community Engagement Directorate devoted to addressing Domestic Abuse by using the current Integrated Planning process

If recommendation 1 is rejected, then the following recommendation applies:

- 2) It is recommended that levels of Council funding devoted to DA be maintained within the Community Engagement Directorate at their current levels for the coming financial year.

2.2 Proposed response to both recommendations:

The implementation of either of the recommendations will be explored through the Integrated Planning Process. We are pleased to note the recommendations on resourcing the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) service and are cognisant of the invaluable safeguarding work that this service provides to vulnerable residents across Cambridgeshire. The work of the service has been shown to reduce the harm, risk and costs associated with addressing the needs of high-risk victims of domestic abuse, and its role at Cambridgeshire's new Multi-Agency Referral Unit is pivotal to the success of that innovative project. The funding of the IDVA service will be examined through the Integrated Planning Process.

Source Documents	Location
N/A	