

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

UPDATED SERIOUS VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS STRATEGY1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the updated Serious Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the updated Serious Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, be approved.

3. Detail

Violence Against Women and Girls is an umbrella term used to describe a range of violent or abusive acts and behaviours against women including domestic abuse.

In response to a government consultation in 2019 on a multi-agency approach to preventing and tackling serious violence, there was an overall consensus for a legislative approach to a duty. As a result, the Serious Violence Duty ('the duty') was legislated for as part of the Police, Crime, Sentencing, and Courts Act 2022 ('the PCSC Act') and is a key part of the government's commitment to reduce and prevent serious violence.

The duty covers the requirements set out in chapter 1 of part 2 of the PCSC Act 2022 where it requires specified authorities, the Police, Local Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities, Youth Offending Teams, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Probation Services, to work together to formulate an evidence-based analysis of serious violence in a local area and then formulate and implement a strategy detailing how they will respond to those issues.

The local Strategy for Broxtowe was approved by Members in 2022 and sets out our commitment to increase awareness and reduce the prevalence of serious violence, domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.

Since that time Broxtowe have been a key partner in developing a strategy for Nottinghamshire and this updated document ensures cross county strategic alignment.

The updated Serious Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy can be found at **APPENDIX 1**. The change table can be found at **APPENDIX 2**. The Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) can be found at **APPENDIX 3**.

The South Notts Community Safety Partnership Serious Violence Response Plan can be found at **APPENDIX 4**. The Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Partnerships Serious Violence Strategy is not yet available.

4. Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

This strategy required only minor amendments which have not changed the overall aims or the delivery of the strategy and has therefore not been reviewed by the Policy Overview Working Group.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications for the Council with any costs being contained within existing budgets.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Sections 5 and 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 require the Council and other responsible authorities to formulate and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder in the area; Section 17 places a duty on the Council to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the area. By updating and further implementation of this strategy contributes towards the Council's duties in this regard.

8. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not Applicable

9. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

Not Applicable

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

There are no Data Protection issues within the report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment is included at **APPENDIX 3** of this report.

13. Background Papers

Nil.