

## Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

**Domestic Homicide Review Funding**1. Purpose of Report

To request the approval of additional funding to deliver Domestic Homicide Reviews. This is in accordance with the corporate value of providing a safe place for everyone.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that additional funding of £5,000 to deliver current Domestic Homicide Reviews be approved and funded from Revenue Contingencies in 2025/26.**

3. Detail

The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) places a duty on Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) to carry out a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) when a person who is aged 16 or over is killed by a relative, household member or an intimate partner (or former partner) or commits suicide following reports of domestic abuse.

The purpose of a DHR is to establish what can be learned from the death regarding the way in which local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims. They are a way to ensure that public bodies such as the Police, Councils, Social Services and other community and voluntary based organisations understand and learn from the circumstances that led to the death. Each DHR aims to highlight ways of improving responses to domestic violence and to prevent further deaths. These reviews became law in April 2011.

The South Notts Community Safety Partnership (SNCSPP) is the responsible body for carrying out DHR's in Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe. The SNCSPP receives no funding and relies on its members to fund any work it undertakes with its funds being managed by the Head of Communities and Community Safety at Broxtowe Borough Council.

The SNCSPP currently has three DHR's under review, namely Hornby, Hereford and Olive Tree; with a fourth one (Houdini) expected following a current murder investigation.

The current financial position is:

Balance	Committed	Deficit
£19,245	£23,530	£4,285

The SNCSP at its strategic meeting held on 19 March 2025 resolved to request a further £5,000 of funding from each of the three District Councils and that the Chair writes to the Safer Notts Board seeking a contribution towards the cost of the reviews.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

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

There is no budgetary provision in place for the cost of delivering Domestic Homicide Reviews. An allocation of £5,000 has therefore been requested from the General Fund Revenue Contingency budget in 2025/26, of which £46,000 currently remains available. Any additional commitments beyond the current financial year would be considered as part of the annual budget setting process.

7. Legal Implications

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

The legal implications are set out in the report, the additional funding is required in order for the SNCSP to comply with the statutory duty to carry out a DHR.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

The report has no climate change implications.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

There is no requirement for an equality impact assessment for this report.

13. Background Papers

Nil.