

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Report of the Alcohol Related Violent Crime Sub-group

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Service: Governance Services

Directorate: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To consider a report produced by the Alcohol Related Violent Crime Sub-group.

2. Recommendations

1) The committee are recommended to agree the report and refer it to Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on the 10 November 2014.

3. Details

3.1 As part of the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee work programme 2013/14, Members agreed to carry out a review in relation to the commissioning of public health services.

3.2 At the initial scoping meeting with the Director of Public Health, Members were informed that alcohol misuse and its associated issues was a key priority for the Council. In order to keep the review focussed and manageable it was agreed to investigate alcohol related violent crime, with an emphasis on domestic abuse.

3.3 The main objective was to examine the effectiveness of strategies, interventions and support in place by the Council and its partners to tackle the issue of alcohol related violent crime and domestic abuse, and to identify gaps in service and areas for improvement.

3.4 During the review the sub-group identified several areas that they wanted to investigate in more detail. These included; intervention and support services, prevention and educational awareness, licensing and workplace policies. Members were also keen to meet with victims of domestic abuse to hear first hand their experiences with the interventions and support services provided by the Council and its partners.

- 3.5 Members held a series of evidence gathering meetings with expert witnesses between February and September 2014. The findings and recommendations can be found in the full report attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.6 The report is due to be considered by the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee at its meeting on 30 October 2014. Following this meeting if there are any changes, the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee will be updated at the meeting.

4. Appendices (if any)

Appendix 1 – Report of the Alcohol Related Violent Crime Sub-group