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| Report of: | Cllr Hamilton, Cabinet Member Health and Social Care |
| To: | Housing and Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
| Date: | 11 April 2017 |

Progress Report on Implementation: Working with Communities to Prevent Relationship Violence

Review Information

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| Date approved at City Council: | 14 April 2015 |
| Member who led the original review: | Councillor Mariam Khan |
| Lead Officer for the review: | Mashuq Ally |
| Date progress last tracked: | 6 September 2016 |

1. In approving this Review the City Council asked me, as the appropriate Cabinet Member, to report on progress towards these recommendations to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. Details of progress with the remaining recommendations are shown in Appendix 2.
3. Members are therefore asked to consider progress against the recommendations and give their view as to how progress is categorized for each.

Appendices

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| 1 | Scrutiny Office guidance on the tracking process |
| 2 | Recommendations you are tracking today |
| 3 | Recommendations tracked previously and concluded |

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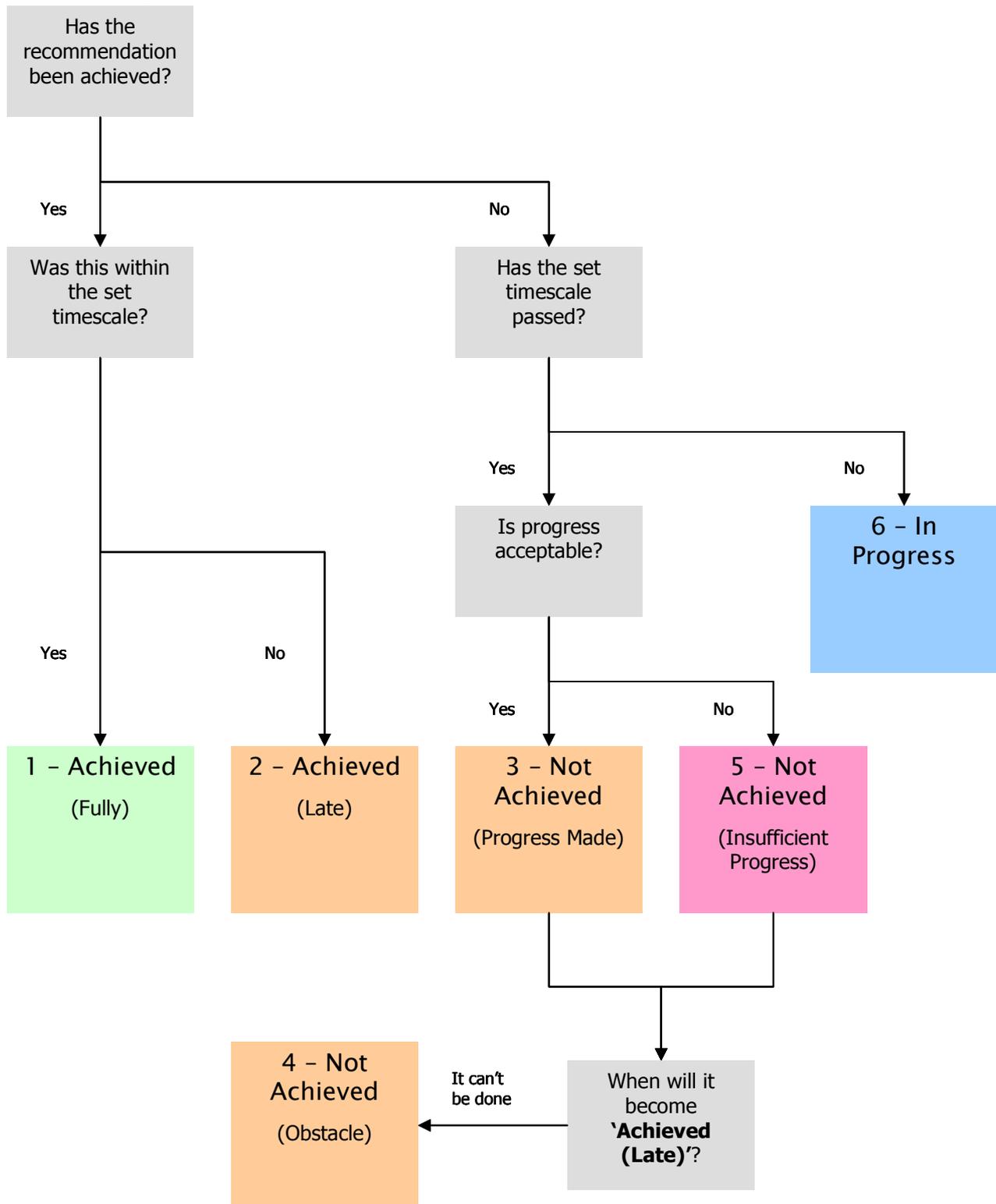
Appendix 1: The Tracking Process

In making its assessment, the Committee may wish to consider:

- What progress/ key actions have been made against each recommendation?
- Are these actions pertinent to the measures required in the recommendation?
- Have the actions been undertaken within the time scale allocated?
- Are there any matters in the recommendation where progress is outstanding?
- Is the Committee satisfied that sufficient progress has been made and that the recommendation has been achieved?

| Category | Criteria |
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| 1: Achieved (Fully) | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified. |
| 2: Achieved (Late) | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented but not within the timescale specified. |
| 3: Not Achieved (Progress Made) | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but there has been significant progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised. |
| 4: Not Achieved (Obstacle) | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but all possible action has been taken. Outstanding actions are prevented by obstacles beyond the control of the Council (such as passage of enabling legislation). |
| 5: Not Achieved (Insufficient Progress) | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved and there has been insufficient progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised. |
| 6: In Progress | It is not appropriate to monitor achievement of the recommendation at this time because the timescale specified has not yet expired. |

The Tracking Process



Appendix 2: Progress with Recommendations

| No. | Recommendation | Responsibility | Original Date For Completion | Cabinet Member's Assessment |
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| R01 | <p>That the City Council encourages community led preventative approaches within its own services and amongst its partner organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Involving working closely with community and voluntary organisations and faith groups; b) Utilising and updating the most recent contact information about community champions and community leaders; c) Mobilising communities and encouraging them to tackle attitudes to relationship violence with a view to preventing relationship violence and bringing about cultural change in the longer term. | <p>Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care</p> | November 2015 | 2 |

Evidence of Progress since the last tracking report

An event on forced marriages has been held and around 200 participants attended.

- Many other agencies have been actively working across the city to engage local communities. One example since the last report was the launch of the Amirah Foundation's Brothers Against Violence Campaign to involve men in the campaign to stop violence against women.
- The Inspiring Birmingham Women In Leadership Summit held in November 2016 at the Council House, brought together over 180 representatives from a cross section of agencies to consider a variety of matters relating to women, including matters of domestic and relationship violence
- The Birmingham Hate Crime Reduction Partnership has reviewed its objectives and membership to more effectively address matters relating to hate crime. Although the issue of relationship violence is not strictly relevant to this, there may well be instances where relationship violence and hate crime have some linkages
- Hope Not Hate has put together an extensive programme of work to help reduce the risk of hate and violence between communities and in relationships. In February 2017, an event to address a range of matters relating to refugee migrant communities and to prevent violence and hate was held in the city to celebrate Refugee week
- Work commenced with the Cabinet Member for Openness, Transparency & Equality in the autumn of 2016 and representatives of Birmingham LGBT communities, to develop a Birmingham-wide LGBT strategy. As this continues to be developed the issue of relationship and Domestic violence will represent a key element of the work
- A peer review programme in respect of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) commenced in the Autumn of 2016 and is to continue in March of this year. The aim is to train professionals and agencies using the lessons learned from the Birmingham DHR's with a view to preventing and reducing the rate of domestic homicides in the city.

This is not an exhaustive list and many more organisations not listed here are actively working across the city to engage local communities, demonstrating how community engagement can be successful by fostering a spirit of trust and collaboration.

However, much more needs to be done to match the spirit of this recommendation. The ambitions of the new domestic abuse prevention strategy are for a city where everyone lives free from domestic abuse and expects equality and respect in their relationships. Success on this scale depends upon achieving attitudinal and behavioural change across individuals, across ages and across cultures and will depend on all communities taking a lead on prevention, widening public awareness and challenging abuse where it happens. Whilst our specialist services have

shown resourcefulness in securing charitable funding to support their work, change on the scale that is needed will not happen without sustainable resource and this will be the challenge of the new strategy to harness resources to support sustainable change.

| No. | Recommendation | Responsibility | Original Date For Completion | Cabinet Member's Assessment |
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| R02 | <p>That the City Council strengthens its leadership role for the city by reviewing the domestic violence strategy and enabling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) coherent pathways for victims and children, across sectors, to access the support and protection they need; b) strengthening the engagement of schools and other educational establishments, including academies, committing to participating; c) integrated working between Birmingham Youth Services and Think Family Team and Children's Services and homelessness; d) youth service providers from both statutory and third sector involvement in the delivery of informal education programmes with young people. | <p>Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care</p> | November 2015 | 2 |

Evidence of Progress since the last tracking report

The formal consultation on the draft strategy has been completed. A detailed consultations finding report will accompany the Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy going to Cabinet in May 2017.

The Strategy is currently being revised to reflect the feedback. A further discussion will be held with partners to agree and finalise the priority themes for actions to be contained within the strategy document. The strategy document will then be presented to Cabinet in May 2017 for approval.

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| R03 | <p>That the City Council and its partners encourage schools and educational establishments to take a 'whole school approach' to children and young people developing positive relationships and provide guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the delivery of school based educational programmes and awareness campaigns aimed at educating young people about healthy relationships in both primary and secondary settings drawing on the expertise of the specialist domestic violence sector; b) working in partnership with youth service providers and in facilitating informal education delivery that promotes healthy relationships and brings about a change in attitudes | <p>Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p> | November 2015 | 2 |

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| | to relationship violence; and c) working with parents to educate parents about attitudes to relationship violence. | | | |
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Evidence of Progress since the last tracking report

This recommendation features significantly in the draft Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy which has been consulted upon.

In addition to the update given in September 2016:

- The Cabinet Member for Openness, Transparency & Equality has held several sessions in the Council House with schools on a range of matters including active citizenship, and understanding the variety of Birmingham cultures as a means of enabling them to consider and build healthy relationships
- The Birmingham City Council Prevent Team has put in place an extensive programme of work with young people and schools, as well as training for professionals to better equip them for working with young people in respect of a variety of related agendas.

Clearly schools are being called upon to engage in a wide range of initiatives to tackle a wide range of social ills. Rather than promote any individual programme above others, the new strategy will seek to develop curriculum materials, engage schools in reviewing the value of individual programmes and continue to promote a whole school ethos to positive relationships. Through the conferences, a number of school leads and school advisors have volunteered to help develop curriculum materials and to support the adoption of whole school approaches in this area.

Appendix ③: Concluded Recommendations

These recommendations have been tracked previously and concluded.

They are presented here for information only.

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| No. | Recommendation | Responsibility | Date Concluded by Overview and Scrutiny Committee | Tracking Assessment |
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| R04 | That an assessment of progress against the recommendations made in this report be presented to the relevant O&S Committee. | Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety | November 2015 | 1 |