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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

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3 MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday, 15 October 2015.

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4 PRIORITY REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Report by Councillor Shafique Shah.

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5 PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION : WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO PREVENT RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

Report of Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety - Lead Officer - Mashuq Ally.

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6 REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STRATEGY

To consider a report on engaging in the forthcoming review of the Birmingham Domestic Violence Strategy

7 **WORK PROGRAMME**

To discuss the Committee's Work Programme

8 **DATE OF MEETINGS**

All Meetings scheduled for the following Thursday at 1400 hours in the Council House:

17 December (Room 6)	21 January (Room 6)
18 February (Room 6)	17 March (Room 2)
21 April (Room 6)	

9 **REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

10 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

11 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOOD AND
COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
15 OCTOBER 2015**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 15
OCTOBER 2015 AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2, COUNCIL
HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Iqbal in the Chair;

Councillors Atwal, Cartwright, Harmer, Hartley, Lines, Mackey, Pears, Spence and Williams.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Councillor Penny Holbrook	- Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning and Culture
Alison Harwood	- Look up title
Mashuq Ally	- Assistant Director, Equalities, Community Safety and Cohesion
Penny Smith	- Programme Director
Matt Kelly	- Assistant Director, Fleet and Waste Management
Councillor Barbara Dring	
Councillor Mahmood Hussain	
Rose Kielly	- Group Overview and Scrutiny Manager
Amanda Simcox	- Scrutiny Research and Policy Officer
Marie Reynolds	- Committee Services

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APOLOGIES

- 29 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Harmer for lateness and Councillors Jenkins and Phillips for their inability to attend the meeting.
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 30 Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting. If a pecuniary interest was declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
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MINUTES

- 31 That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2015 having been circulated to members were confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.
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BIRMINGHAM WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TRACKING REPORT

RO9

- 32 Councillor Penny Holbrook, Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning and Culture gave a presentation on Heritage Week. She provided a brief background as to how Heritage Week had been established and referred to the huge amount of work Councillor Waseem Zaffar had been responsible for in organising the event together with his connections. She added that the event would not have taken place if it had not been for the involvement of Councillor Waseem Zaffar.

She referred to the dates that it had been set 10 – 17 September and being able to specifically link into the national heritage days. She confirmed that there was a great deal of engagement and although tried to engage with schools as much as possible, this was limited due to the start of the autumn term. She added that if it had taken place later in September this would have clashed with the ‘Super September Weekend.’ She highlighted the huge amount of effort that had gone into the event in terms of projects and various other events that included the social history of local areas.

She confirmed that the feedback from all citizens involved was marvellous, and referred to the different partners that were involved which included Carl Chinn, the civic societies and the contribution from the City Council, which were officers’ time as well as a small budget to mainly fund marketing. She added that all of the actual events were facilitated by other people for free or at their own cost. Reference was made to the brilliant launch that took place in Lloyds

Bank Headquarters with the reason being it coincided with their anniversary of opening their first bank in the city, and most noticeably was Councillor Waseem Zaffar was able to negotiate a special event in Parliament where Birmingham's heritage was showcased.

She confirmed that they were still reviewing the progress of the event and stated that there remained a commitment to repeat Heritage Week, however, were mindful of the city council's shrinking resources.

She concluded by stating that it was a wonderful opportunity and thanked all who were involved.

Councillor Cartwright expressed a vote of thanks to Councillor Waseem Zaffar for the wonderful event that had taken place on 11 September 2015 at the MG motor factory and the book that was to be published of the memories of the ex-Rover workers.

As a result of the presentation, in response to comments and questions from members, the following were amongst the points raised:-

Councillor Holbrook stated that the evaluation of the event was very important and Councillor Zaffar, herself and the team would continue evaluating over the next month or so. She detailed the ways in which they would be evaluating the event, and highlighted the best supported events were the 'Look and Share with you.' She further highlighted how the event had facilitated in bringing people together and learning and understanding about their local heritage and communities.

With regard to future improvements that could be made next time, Councillor Holbrook stated that more work around the schools could be considered so that young people could have an understanding of their heritage, and to look at bolstering the opportunity for more communities to come together and share their stories.

The Chairman concluded by thanking Councillor Holbrook for her presentation.

At the request of the Chairman, recommendation 9 was agreed.

PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION

33 The following report of the Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety was submitted:-

(See document No. 1)

RO1

Mashuq Ally, Assistant Director, Equalities, Community Safety and Cohesion

referred to the review of the Director for Regulations and Enforcement and subsequently detailed the reason for a printed booklet not being viable as part of the 'Welcome to Birmingham' welcome pack. He made reference to the preference agreed with the improved signposting in the form of a leaflet which would signpost directly to the 'Welcome to Birmingham' web site as well as to other services across the city. It was identified that the home page of the web site would have to be looked at in order to ensure people could navigate through the home page. Although he had not yet received an update of the progress of the work anticipated that it had been undertaken.

In response to the Chairman that new citizens were finding difficulty in accessing the page, Mashuq Ally agreed to look into the issue.

At the request of the Chairman, recommendation 1 was agreed.

RO8

Mashuq Ally reported on the long outstanding recommendation. He highlighted the new guidance for district committees that had been agreed by Cabinet in July 2015 and in addition to that, the changes to the Constitution in May 2015. He referred to the delegated powers districts now had through the changes which ensured that there would be engagement with all communities across the neighbourhoods, wards and districts and there would no longer be the focus on specific community groups.

At the request of the Chairman, recommendation 8 was agreed.

PREVENT PROGRAMME

Mashuq Ally, Assistant Director, Equalities, Community Safety and Cohesion presented the following report:-

(See document No. 2)

Mashuq Ally whilst presenting the report, highlighted that it may be of interest to the committee that under the 'prevent funding' they might like to see a presentation from Children's Services in how they were safeguarding young people and adults. Further reference was made to the page 30 of the document whereupon it was suggested that the committee may wish to see a restricted presentation on the CTLP report.

In response to the above, the Chairman confirmed that the committee would consider the above-mentioned suggested presentations.

As a result of the presentation and in response to comments and questions from members, the following were amongst the points raised:-

Mashuq Ally referred to the resources that were being invested nationally in this area due to the high risk to the cities of this country. He stated that the

resources received did not equate to the size of the city however there were discussions and dialogue with the Home Office ongoing in this regard. He further stated that there were two separate resources for West Midlands Police and West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit. He referred to the city council officers and West Midlands police highlighting that they were involved on a day to day basis with the communities and citizens of the city and therefore the intelligence they gathered was actually vital in dealing with this agenda, and if there was not enough foot soldiers in the future, there would be a problem regarding the amount of information gathered on the ground.

Mashuq Ally referred to the meeting that had been highlighted previously and had not been very well attended and suggested that it be re-scheduled with West Midlands Police and that scrutiny became involved in identifying with elected members a more suitable time.

He highlighted the importance of elected members understanding the agenda. He referred to the build-up of trust between the city council and citizens and the co-operation received by all as a result of this. Reference was made to the fact that once individuals and communities were being scrutinised by the intelligence service they saw the city council as a vanguard for their civil liberties and human rights and a form of protection. He stated that the enforcement services were sensitive to that and was why they worked very closely with officers. He stated that elected members may receive complaints from citizens particularly now that there was a piece of legislation in place, and unless they were aware of what the agenda was about, it could prove difficult in providing the correct response.

He referred to the fact that where there were people contemplating going to an Islamic state and it was highlighted the importance of the city council working with members, in preventing this from happening. Due to the fact that often members were better informed of what was happening with their citizens and local communities than the enforcement services. He stated that nobody wanted mistakes made in this area and fortunately in Birmingham although there had been people thinking of going to an Islamic state the numbers had been negligible when compared with other cities.

Mashuq Ally referred to 4.4 of the report relating to Channel and stated that if members came into contact with people that they considered vulnerable to refer them to this mechanism. He stated that it was a pre-criminal space that provided wraparound support to families or individuals. He confirmed that its resources were being invested in helping and supporting people and ensuring their civil liberties and human rights were being protected. He stated that the local authority led on the Channel programme which he chaired.

In response to the Chairman's enquiry as to how people could make contact with Channel, Mushuq Ally confirmed that there was a co-ordinator for the programme and agreed to provide the contact details to the committee. He stated that members could refer people through his office and that they would be treated with the utmost sensitivity. When applying to Channel, individuals would be assessed and if believed required help and support they would be provided with a mentor who would work with them in addressing the issues.

However there could be occasions where it was believed the individual required help and assistance in other areas and if this was the case, they would be signposted to the appropriate area. He added that Birmingham was seen as a centre of good practice and that the government and other local authorities had learned from what had been achieved through Channel.

Mashuq Ally made reference to page 6 of the report and confirmed that all of the posts illustrated were filled. He confirmed that they were funded through the Home Office and were all doing excellent work albeit they were a very small team. He highlighted that the HEFE co-ordinator not only covered Birmingham but also West Midlands. He further highlighted that the Schools Resilience Advisor worked closely with schools improvement and suggested that it may be useful in the future if she gave a presentation to the committee on the work that had been undertaken in schools in this area.

He stated that they were constantly lobbying the Home office for resources and again the time would be approaching shortly for additional bids to be submitted. He confirmed that there was a limitation as to how much money was provided for projects due to the changes the government had made to the process. He added that the decision making regarding the applications rested with the Home Office and it was highlighted that they wanted to be clear that those applications being commissioned were not involved in any form of radicalisation or extremist activity.

Mashuq Ally referred to the point raised relating to the programme, that for it to succeed in the long-term there needed to be joined-up working in getting people buying into their community, which he agreed was very important.

He stated that whilst this programme was dealing with the day to day business of apprehending potential terrorists or vulnerable people that could be radicalised or seduced into terrorism activity, there was also a long-term agenda. He questioned how do we enable young people to take pride in their city and how could that be facilitated to enable them to make a positive contribution to the city but also alongside that there was the need to deal with the wicked issues.

He referred to the systemic problems in some of the wards which included social economic issues and stated that whilst over the last 8 years they had been dealing with ideological based terrorism and radicalisation, the scenario was moving towards people becoming radicalised due to their unhappiness. He questioned why someone living in a deprived area would leave the city in order to move to an Islamic state and therefore highlighted that there was a real need to be much clearer of what the causes were believing that the long-term preventative measure was enabling citizens to have a stake in their city in order that they could make a positive contribution. He added that on the side of public agencies how should some of the systemic issues that have been present for some decades that are making some of our communities unhappy be addressed.

With regard to staff training, Mashuq Ally referred to the contact that had been

made with the management of Grand Central and also the nearby large retail outlets, adding that the Police were also involved in providing training in these areas. He further referred to the fact that the city council were in dialogue with HS2 regarding training.

At this juncture the Chairman confirmed that Marcus Beale would be reporting on the Community Safety Partnership at the meeting scheduled on 18 February 2016.

Following further comments, Mashuq Ally referred to the information requested and confirmed that as he did not have the figures at present would email to members. He referred to the performance framework for measuring success and that the Prevent programme board provided that on behalf of the city council and its partners which was escalated up to the Strategic board in order that the political and officer leadership was aware of how it was performing in terms against the resources.

Mashuq Ally referred to the 'no platform policy' highlighting that the policy had strengthened the approach to people who used council venues and had also been extended to schools, adding that it had ensured that none of the local authority buildings were being used.

Mashuq Ally made reference to the 2 reports and the involvement of a government select committee in making it clear, that as far as schools were concerned, the Intelligence Service, West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit and the City Council, did not believe that there had been the promotion of extremism in schools. Regarding the Trojan horse issues, it was concluded that it was about bad behaviour and bad governance which the schools improvement was addressing successfully. He stated that the city's approach was to strengthen the governance arrangements and the training and development of all the schools to ensure that they were protected and secure, not only in relation to extremism, but also in terms of bad governance.

Mashuq Ally made reference to the country's armed services to deal with what he thought would be against the law now, if British citizens outside the services engaged in activities in any part of the world, that resulted in injury or the killing of any individuals. He stated that part of the issue around the Islamic state and Syria, was that there was the need in having to deal with people that go there as individuals and engage in war fare, and as British citizens, when they returned would be arrested.

The Chairman concluded by thanking Mashuq Ally for his presentation.

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RESOLVED:-

That the information be noted.

THE OPERATIONAL ROLL OUT OF WHEELED BINS

Penny Smith, Programme Director, gave a presentation on the roll-out programme. She reported that the programme had completed earlier than expected in Perry Barr Ward. She detailed how the bins when delivered were checked 3 different ways against each property and that they were all chipped. It was noted during that period, residents raised issues about whether their properties were suitable and it had resulted in an additional 200 bins being issued to residents that requested bins, although believed by the department that their properties were unsuitable.

Matt Kelly, Assistant Director highlighted the problem with the roll-out programme being undertaken very quickly across the city which had proved a somewhat difficult time. He reported that the majority of collections from Perry Barr were on time however, the real issues were around recycling collections whereupon he detailed the various reasons for this and believed that as staff especially permanent staff became more familiar with their rounds, progress would improve.

As a result of the presentation, in response to comments and questions from members the following were amongst the points raised:-

Matt Kelly referred to the high level of assisted collections undertook each year and the technology that was in place to support the system, adding that as long as the information was on the system then collections would not get missed. He highlighted that some adjustments in Perry Barr Ward had been made in order to recognise new houses that had not been receiving collections and referred to the problems that had arisen with residents living above shops.

He referred to the fact that when they were recruiting drivers, they wanted employees that were able to manage the rounds and were health and safety conscious and therefore it was important that the right people were recruited for the right jobs. He referred to the challenges that had arisen in the depots that related to contamination, recycling and others and the fact that these had to be addressed whilst the new service was introduced.

Councillor Mahmood Hussain stated that the roll-out programme had not been delivered sufficiently although confirmed that the streets were much cleaner due to the lack of split bags. He believed that the management needed to be more supportive in order for improvements to be made.

Councillor Barbara Dring stated that generally the roll-out programme across Oscott Ward had been quite successful however there had been problems with assisted collections which had since been resolved. She stated that issues needed to be addressed regarding late collections, and that recycling would be better if it was collected on the same day as the refuse collection. She further stated that there were issues with bins that were not being returned to their point of collection

In response to the above, Matt Kelly referred to the late collections and stated

that they were trying to get back on schedule by meeting targets on a daily basis.

With regard to stolen bins he highlighted that the bin was chipped and a scanner was required in order to denote where it belonged.

With regard to the leafing problems, he confirmed that once the garden waste collections had ceased on 26 November they were looking to use those people to undertake some work on collections to support the community collections and leafing.

Matt Kelly referred to issues relating to flytipping and the fact that residents had suggested that the department amalgamate collections which they were considering.

In response to further comments from members, the following points were made:-

Matt Kelly referred to the issues around safety relating to the drivers and the requirement that all the department's drivers were subject to a full medical examination at the age of 45 years. He referred to the additional medical examination as a requirement for drivers every 5 years, and if employees (drivers) were on medication the department dealt with them sympathetically.

Matt Kelly referred to the issues of recycling and stated that the service would improve highlighting that it did also depend on individual crews whereby some could be more efficient than others, adding that the department were driving that as much as they could.

With regard in terms of overspend, he confirmed that the department were required to provide a balanced budget throughout the service and made reference to the high levels of sickness especially in Perry Barr Ward which were issues for the department that had to be managed.

In response to concerns raised by Councillors Pears and Mackie, Matt Kelly agreed to progress outside of the meeting.

Matt Kelly responded to the issue raised by Councillor Lines, and confirmed that the incident had been recorded and that the contractor was committed to putting it right and agreed that it was totally unacceptable behaviour. He highlighted that the new vehicles were now fitted with cameras and that the web-fleet was able to ascertain how fast the vehicles were being driven which was all contributory to health and safety of the general public.

Matt Kelly referred to the missed collections highlighting that they should not be repeated after 3 times, as they were then considered 'hot spots' and would be checked out as to the cause of the problem. He referred to the increased waste at Christmas and other festivals and stated that the department would make allowances for the additional waste. He further referred to the joined-up working of the teams and the department in educating residents and the enforcement side in dealing with trade waste.

With regard to the Call Centre and the associated issues, he stated that it had been brought back in-house and that calls were recorded through the centre. He stated that they worked closely with the centre to minimise any confusion and that enquiries from councillors were supposed to be escalated straightaway. He added that he would look into this area and respond directly to Councillor Atwal.

The Chairman concluded by thanking Penny Smith and Matt Kelly for attending the meeting and reporting.

Upon further consideration, it was:-

35 **RESOLVED:-**

That the information and comments be noted.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY SERVICES O&S COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME**

The following paper was received:-

(See document No. 2)

The Chairman stated that Councillor Shafique Shah, Cabinet Member for Social Cohesion, Equalities and Community Safety was expected to be in attendance at the next meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Gary Ladbrooke (District Head – Sutton Coldfield District & Interim Head for Yardley District) and confirmed that he was the link for district committees.

36 **RESOLVED:-**

That the work programme be noted.

DATES OF MEETINGS

37 It was noted that the Committee meets on the following Thursdays at 1400 hours in the Council House:-

19 November (Room 1)	17 December (Room 6)
21 January (Room 6)	18 February (Room 6)
17 March (Room 2)	21 April (Room 6)

REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS

RECEIVED (IF ANY)

38 The Chairman advised that there had been no requests for call in/councillor call for action/petitions received.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

39 No other urgent business was raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

40 **RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1610 hours.

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CHAIRMAN

**NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE 19 NOVEMBER 2015**

PRIORITY REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR INCLUSION & COMMUNITY SAFETY

REPORT BY: COUNCILLOR SHAFIQUE SHAH

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report sets out my portfolio priorities for 2015/16 and updates Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on future issues.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

I have accountability for:

Social Cohesion and Inclusion	<p>Approaches to ensure that all Birmingham citizens have increasing access to opportunity across the social and economic life of the city.</p> <p>Holding to account other relevant Cabinet Members and officers for the delivery of those functions that impact on social cohesion and inclusion.</p>
Tackling Inequality	<p>Strategic approaches to reduce inequalities including around health, education and employment outcomes; 'access to services'; and participation in civic life.</p> <p>Neighbourhood advice and information services.</p> <p>Holding to account other relevant Cabinet Members and officers for the delivery of those functions that impact on inequalities and inclusion.</p>
Equalities within the Community	<p>Development and promotion of shared values and mutual respect across the diverse communities of Birmingham.</p> <p>Ensuring that community and cultural events promote social cohesion and inclusion.</p>
External Challenge	<p>Ensuring that partner agencies, private or third sector organisations are challenged on their contribution to improving social cohesion and inequalities.</p>
Safer Communities	<p>Strategic citywide leadership to community safety in Birmingham, including anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and road safety and ensuring effective support for victims of crime.</p> <p>Effective relationships and clear shared priorities with the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands</p>

	Police. Leadership on youth offending issues.
Domestic Violence	All council activity relating to domestic violence and developing a city-wide domestic violence strategy with partners, including advice to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Management and Homes on the provision of accommodation.
Third Sector Partnership and Engagement	Working with and coordination of third sector and partner agencies around equalities, cohesion and inclusivity.

I will be working with Executive Members for Districts around:

Safer and inclusive Neighbourhoods	Community safety, including local CCTV and local partnership agreements with the police. Local highways services, school crossing patrols. Active citizenship and community empowerment. Community development.
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3. PRIORITIES

The Executive remains committed to working together for a fairer, more prosperous and more democratic city, with a clear focus on priorities and outcomes.

This includes the opportunity for everyone to make the most of their talents and abilities, regardless of their background. Where communities value and respect one another and are able to make a contribution to public life and where people are safe, especially the most vulnerable – from crime, violence and abuse.

My key portfolio priorities for this year are to:

- Work with partners to develop a set of actions to be taken forward by the Council and its partners to address child poverty across the city, to ensure that every child has the opportunity to fulfil their potential.
- Adopt the Road Safety Strategy to make the city's roads safer.
- Support the development of a city-wider advice offer through the establishment of a coherent advice strategy and integration of advice services across the council and partners.
- Develop a city-wide comprehensive and sustainable approach to keeping victims and children safe from domestic violence.

4. OTHER KEY PROGRAMMES

In addition to the priorities outlined above, there are a number of other key programmes that that will be progressed during 2015/16 including:

- Provide an effective response to the refugee crisis, including a shared city-wide approach to housing fifty Syrian refugees through a nationally-organised and nationally-supported resettlement scheme
- Developing a new affordable model for CCTV in the city.
- Completing the review of school crossing sites, to increase the safety of children travelling to and from schools.

5. KEY BUDGET ISSUES

I am responsible as the Cabinet Member for a net revenue budget of £3.4m (representing gross expenditure of £8.4m funded partly from grant/other income of £5m). These resources are utilised to provide a significant range of services including the Council's Equalities Team, our work on the Preventing Violent Extremism, CCTV, Birmingham Police and Crime Partnership, Neighbourhood Advice Services and Third Sector Advice Services.

There is considerable pressure to deliver savings within the existing resources and in particular all these services were required to make savings of almost £1.9m in 2015/16 and this will increase by a further £0.6m by 2017/18 as approved by the City Council.

6. EMERGING ISSUES/CHALLENGES

Welfare Reform

There has been much debate recently regarding future Welfare Reforms, in particular Tax Credits and the effects this will have on working families, many of whom are on a low wage.

While we await the Chancellor's Autumn statement, we have already started working with a wide range of partners, through the Welfare Reform Multi-Agency Committee, to start assessing the impacts of the next wave of welfare reforms on Birmingham citizens.

Councillor Cotton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Management and Homes has already informed this Committee of his concerns and we will be working closely together to ensure that, with our partners, we can provide appropriate support.

PREVENT

The Counter Terrorism and Security (CTS) ACT 2015 places a duty on specified authorities including the police, local authorities, prisons, schools and universities, to prevent people being drawn into terrorism. By introducing the duty the Government intends to increase the consistency of Prevent delivery across England, Wales and Scotland.

The current situation in Syria presents many risks and we are aware that people who travel to Syria and Iraq are at risk of serious harm and of being drawn into terrorism.

We are working closely with our communities and families to provide Safeguarding support to ensure people do not travel to Syria and Islamic State.

Councillor Shafique Shah

Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety

Report of:	Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety
To:	Neighbourhood and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	19 November 2015

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

Review Information

Date approved at City Council:	14 April 2015
Member who led the original review:	Councillor Miriam Khan
Lead Officer for the review:	Mashuq Ally
Date progress last tracked:	n/a

1. In approving this Review the City Council asked me, as the appropriate Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety, 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

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

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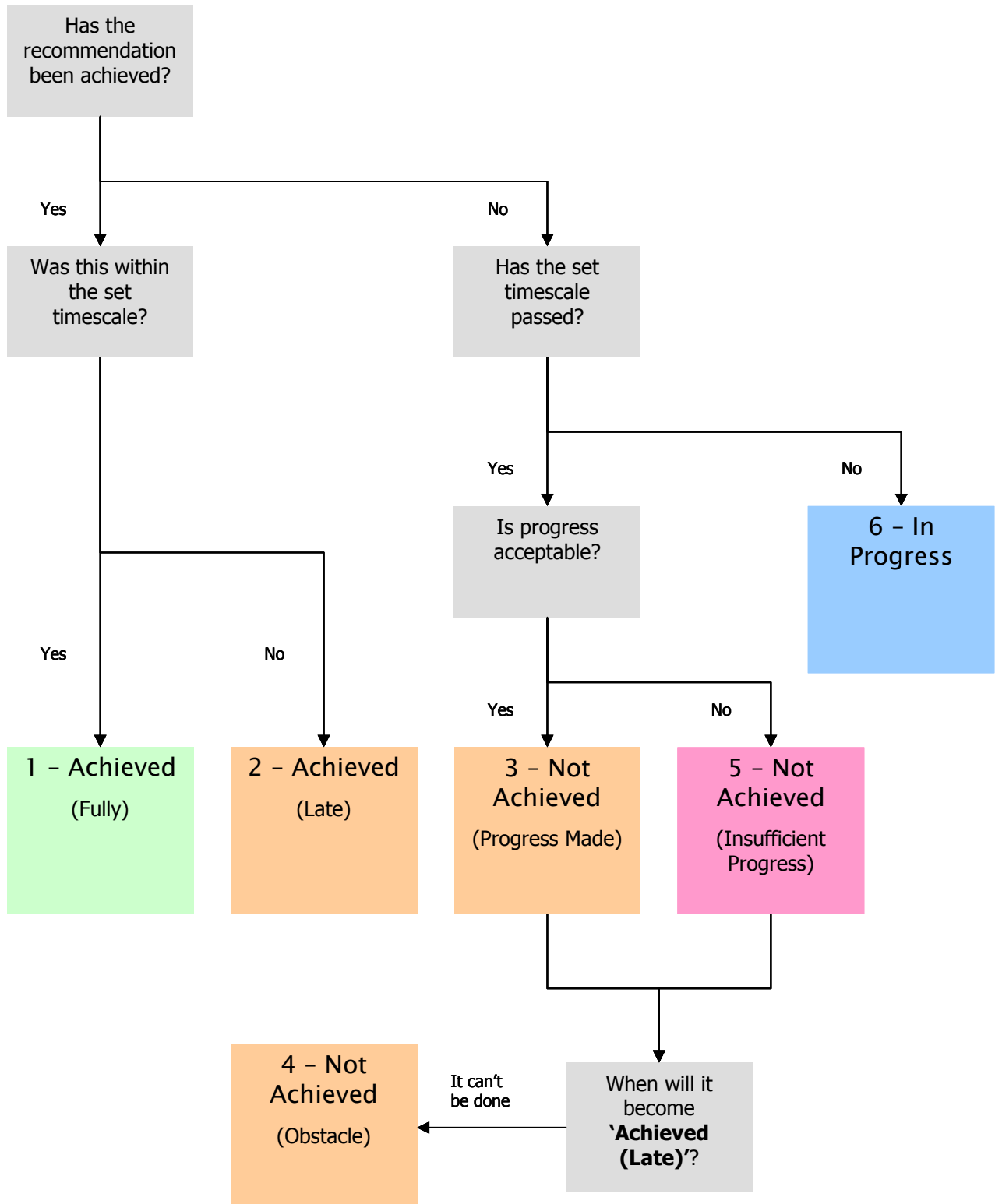
Appendix I: The Tracking Process

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
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
R01	That the City Council encourages community led preventative approaches within its own services and amongst its partner organisations: 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.	Cabinet Member for Inclusions and Community Safety Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care	November 2015	3

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

The Domestic Violence Strategy Review and engagement elements are ongoing and work has commenced to consider issues in respect of community, voluntary and faith groups. A Child Sexual Exploitation workshop was held in September, with the Victims' Champion; The Violence Against Women & Children's Steering Group has met several times; Issues of relationship Violence have been considered at the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership meetings throughout the year.

A National Commission on Forced Marriages has been established during which issues of relationship violence are being considered. An event of the Commission was held in October supported and co-ordinated by the Equalities, Community Safety & Cohesion Service. Evidence was taken from statutory, the voluntary sector, as well as from victims. An event, Voicing for Victims was held in November, facilitated by the Victims' Champion to consider how support for victims in the city (such as victims of relationship violence) is co-ordinated and how to encourage agencies to work better together. The Victims' Champion is working with the Equalities, Community Safety & Cohesion Service to launch a Victims Pledges Charter and to develop a programme of work with young people in respect of Child Sexual Exploitation which is often a feature of Relationship Violence, and support for victims of other crimes. An event with faith communities is planned to consider how faith communities can better work together and independently to support victims and to challenge relationship violence. The Victims and Vulnerable People Group, which is a theme group of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, has commissioned interventions in respect of Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Exploitation. Various events are being held in Districts in support of the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. A wide range of activities have been implemented by the Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Foundation with support from the City Council.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R02	That the City Council strengthens its leadership role for the city by reviewing the domestic violence strategy and enabling: 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	Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety Cabinet Member for Children's Services Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care	November 2015	3

	statutory and third sector involvement in the delivery of informal education Programmes with young people.			
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>Draft review of the strategy has commenced. Key elements of this work have commenced in respect of the areas identified in the recommendations. Issues are being considered at the Violence Against Women & Children Steering Group. Meetings of the Domestic Homicide Review Responsible Authorities Group have been held to consider these issues and to agree evidence to be presented to the Home Office.</p> <p>The City's Health and Wellbeing Board received a report and had a good discussion on the review of the Birmingham Domestic Violence Strategy at its June 2015 meeting. As a consequence it is likely that DV and partner actions to counter this will feature more prominently in the Board's revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy, going forward.</p> <p>The Think Family programme and the Family Support service across the city are now brought together under single management and are part of the Council's early help and children's social care service. This will allow for more support for families to resolve conflict where there is family conflict or lower level domestic abuse, especially to help reduce this. This includes work where teenagers are subject to or perpetrators of domestic abuse. This is all tied to the triaging of all domestic abuse referrals in MASH to ensure the appropriate response to victims.</p>				

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
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> <p>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;</p> <p>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 to relationship violence; and</p> <p>c) working with parents to educate parents about attitudes to relationship Violence.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p>	November 2015	3

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>The Domestic Violence Strategy Review has set out a framework for addressing evidence gathering.</p> <p>The Child Poverty Commission has met on several occasions and will consider issues in respect of how relationship violence impacts on young people and its evidence gathering framework is being implemented to engage with a wide variety of partners in this respect. A cross agency group who work and support residents in Ladywood attended a jointly hosted event with Big Lottery and Birmingham Child Poverty Commission in October looking at ways to reduce child poverty and implications of relationship violence.</p> <p>A number of meetings have been held with the Youth Champion, Head of the Youth Service, and Children's Services to establish a working group to promote the Voice of Young People.</p> <p>Theme 12 of the Schools Improvement Plan deals with equalities, cohesion and the respect agenda, and the Curriculum Entitlement Statement underpinned by legislative obligations and responsibilities also promotes whole school approach, healthy relationships, and working with parents.</p>				

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
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	3
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>There is ongoing progress and key areas of work are being delivered. A range of events and initiatives are planned for the remainder of the year and into 2016. The Child Poverty Commission will continue to gather evidence and will look at issues of relationship violence on the family and child poverty. The BCSP will continue to focus on domestic violence and support for victims and will commission a variety of interventions in relation to this. Work will continue to support the role of the Victims' Champion. The DHR team has commenced work to consider how to more effectively join up strategic approaches in respect of high profile cases</p>				

Appendix ③: Concluded Recommendations

These recommendations have been tracked previously and concluded. They are presented here for information only.

concluded

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Date Concluded by Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Tracking Assessment

	<u>Agenda Item: 7</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	30th June 2015
TITLE:	Review of Birmingham Domestic Violence Strategy
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Paula Harding - Senior Service Manager Equalities, Community Safety and Cohesion, Birmingham City Council

Report Type:	Information
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1. Purpose:
<p>This report seeks to alert the Health & Well Being Board to the forthcoming review of the domestic violence strategy, summarise the background to the review and seek engagement with the process.</p>

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Child Health	Y
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		Y
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		
Financial		
Patient and Public Involvement		
Early Intervention		Y
Prevention		Y

3. Recommendation
<p>The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to note the report and to consider how members may be engaged in the review.</p>

4. Background

4.1 Governance arrangements for domestic violence

In recent years, tackling domestic violence has been, and remains, a declared priority for each of the strategic and safeguarding boards in the city. During 2014, informal agreement was reached between the Safeguarding Boards and Birmingham Community Safety Police and Crime Board (BCSPCB) that BCSPCB should lead the strategic and operational response to domestic violence on their behalf. Within BCSPCB, the Violence Against Women and Children Steering Group (VAWCSG) has senior representation from a range of statutory and specialist voluntary sector service providers. Chairing of the group has recently been handed over from Councillor Jess Phillips (MP) to Councillor James McKay, Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety.

4.2 Domestic Violence Strategy and Delivery Planning

4.2.1 Birmingham's overarching strategic response to domestic violence is articulated by the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, Violence Against Women Strategy 2013-15. The Strategy was endorsed by the Community Safety Partnership in 2013 and seeks to protect women and children from the harm of domestic violence by:

- Identifying domestic violence early and preventing its escalation.
- Increasing public awareness and reducing public acceptability of domestic violence
- Enabling women and children to access specialist domestic violence advice, advocacy, support and protection where services are commensurate with need
- Holding domestic violence perpetrators to account in such a way as reduces risk and which acts as a future deterrent for them and a deterrent to other potential abusers

4.2.2 The strategy is implemented through annual delivery plans reporting through the BCSPCB. As a dynamic document, the delivery plan also reflects the strategic actions arising from domestic homicide reviews and the domestic violence related actions required of Birmingham Victim Charter, although each of these has a separate delivery vehicle.

4.3 Responding to the Domestic Violence Needs Assessment (2013)

The last needs assessment identified that the commitment of organisations to tackle domestic violence, individually and in partnership in Birmingham was evident but much still needed to be done to promote access to services and ensure the most efficient use of resources. The following issues and gaps emerged from arrangements known at the time:

4.3.1 **'Many victims do not know where to go for help. When victims do seek help, the pathways through services are complex and many points where victims gain access are not aware of the range of options available. The city lacks a sustainable specialist triage function to make sure that victims and children get the right services at the right time.'**

Since this assessment, the VAWCSG has commissioned a domestic violence helpline for victims and professionals. The City Council has taken internal management of access to Supporting People funded provision, including refuge and domestic violence floating support through its Gateway. Analysis is needed of how these services integrate and dovetail with safeguarding children.

- 4.3.2 'Most victims are faced with a broad range of needs which need to be addressed for victims and families to be safe. There are particular gaps in pathways for victims with more complex needs, including mental health and substance misuse. A complex needs programme to address these gaps made good headway but was short-lived.'**

Recent safeguarding and domestic violence reviews have provided further narrative of the vulnerability faced by victims with complex needs. Whilst VAWCSG has signed up to a national initiative with recommendations emerging, local analysis is needed of the impact of commissioning in substance misuse and mental health on addressing these overlapping issues, particularly as these factors contribute the greatest risk for children.

- 4.3.3 'The prospect of the criminal justice system holding perpetrators to account in less than 10 per cent of cases offers little protection to their victims whilst at the same time opportunities for managing offenders and strengthening the criminal and civil justice response are being missed.'**

Since this assessment, West Midlands Police has restructured and introduced dedicated domestic violence offender managers across the force and is re-launching the Offender Management Board. The City Council is in negotiations over extending its use of civil orders and, through Public Health, considering commissioning domestic violence offender management programmes in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

- 4.3.4 'Service responses are often fragmented and un-coordinated despite the best efforts of individual agencies involved. The links between the operational partnerships of MARAC, Joint Screening, Domestic Violence Tasking, Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub need to be strengthened as there is little cross-over between them.'**

Since the assessment, the City Council has commissioned domestic violence workers into the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and commissioned the only specialist domestic violence Think Family workers nationally.

- 4.3.5 Primary care is well placed to identify victims early but needs training and support to achieve this; recognising that the city has no viable domestic violence pathway from which to access services should early identification be promoted.**

Since the assessment, domestic homicide reviews have amplified the potential for early identification and early help with domestic violence in primary care. Birmingham South Central CCG is now piloting the Identification and Referral to Improve Safety Programme (IRIS): a general practice-based domestic violence and abuse training support and referral programme with 25 general practices.

In the acute Trusts, Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG have invested in co-location of independent domestic violence advisors at Accident & Emergency Departments, including City Hospital. Heart of England Foundation Hospital Trust has sought funding through Solihull CCG to do the same but has been unsuccessful to date.

- 4.3.6 A growing demand for specialist domestic violence services arising, in part, from increased identification and referral from statutory services.**

Since this assessment, Birmingham City Council, through its Supporting People programme, has both maintained and marginally increased its funding of refuge and outreach (floating support) provision, bucking the national trend. VAWCSG has increased the high risk provision;

invested in domestic violence group work and an LGBT independent domestic violence advisor responding to identified gaps in provision. Sexual health commissioning has recognised the overlap between sexual and domestic violence and is investing further in this area. Each of these have been seen as welcome developments but further analysis is required about the scale of the responses needed

4.4 Rapid SWOT Assessment

4.4.1 Strengths of the current arrangements

- **The Violence Against Women and Children Steering Group** has demonstrated political commitment and ownership and strengthened external partnership relationships, particularly with health and police. The City Council rightly identifies that it has a leadership role in domestic violence.
- **Evidence based commissioning:** Commissioners across the areas have demonstrated a determination to maintain the levels of existing support for domestic violence services for both adults and children.

4.4.2 Weaknesses of the Current Arrangements

- **Evolving Landscape:** In a rapidly changing landscape, few decisions made in the City which affect domestic violence victims and their children have been directed through the Violence Against Women and Children Steering Group for impact assessment, consultation or co-ordination. The Police have been the most engaged, sharing and consulting on their plans for their service transformation and business planning. However, despite political commitment and ownership, whilst commissioning responsibilities are disparate, reporting lines also vary resulting in lack of clarity over leadership of the agenda.
- **Investment by Government and Third Sector** is not always incorporated into commissioning plans across the city.¹
- **Incoherent Pathways for Victims and Children:** victims and professionals continue to report not being able to understand how to access services. Pathways for victims with complex needs of mental health and substance misuse remain particularly underdeveloped. Significant investment has been made in multi-agency screening of children experiencing domestic violence, which has faced significant backlogs with little outcome based analysis or investment in managing the interventions needed to address the risks and needs identified.
- **Opportunities for early help are systematically missed** through health settings, universal and targeted children's services; as diversion from refuge and in criminal justice responses. Much now needs to be done to create coherent service pathways in both safeguarding and early help across children's services, criminal justice, health, housing and third sector pathways.
- **Culture of organisations:** domestic homicide reviews are now consistently showing that there are manifest shortcomings in our statutory agencies' understanding of domestic

¹ This misalignment of intentions with commissioning outcomes was also picked up in the Kerslake Review.

violence. Whilst a new cross-governmental definition of domestic violence and abuse signalled the need for agencies to appreciate the impact of coercion in abusive relationships, everyday practice remains focussed on an incident based approach which ultimately fails to identify the risks an abuser poses to victims and children and skews the responses that follow. Victims and children consequently make repeated demands of statutory services, often in an earlier point in the abuse: demands which are not addressed until crisis is reached.

- Recurrent themes in **domestic homicide reviews** have been: the failure to integrate risk assessment of adult and child victims of domestic violence and integrate the pathways which identify high risk; the failure to identify an abuser as the source of the risk and offender manage; an over-reliance upon victims to keep themselves and their children safe without agency intervention. There are both structural and workforce development and management requirements arising from these shortcomings to be addressed across our agencies.
- **Ambition:** The current strategy broadly articulates the city's approach, principles and priorities well but has had insufficient buy-in to realise the aims and deliver on its ambitions.

4.4.3 Threats

- Un-coordinated service development across the statutory sector: for example, domestic violence service transformation in the police led to better recording and resulted in 14,000 referrals for joint screening last year.
- Should funding cuts be made in an un-coordinated or piecemeal way, there is a threat to the infrastructure of the domestic violence sector and risk losing the advantage that social value and charitable funding into the city brings.
- The Kerslake, Le Grand and Warner reviews of the city each provide challenge to the way our services are governed and delivered.
- The impact of domestic homicide reviews on public confidence.

4.4.4 Opportunities

- Learning from domestic homicide reviews as a catalyst for change and raising the profile of domestic violence across the statutory sector
- The wider development of Early Help and Think Family programmes
- The implementation of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and the drive to integrate domestic violence joint screening and pathways thereafter
- The development of Commissioning Centres of Excellence within the City Council and the development of the Third Sector Commissioning Strategy
- Strengthened police responses arising from West Midlands Police service transformation of domestic violence response
- The development of a regional strategic approach through the Preventing Violence

Against Vulnerable People Board

- City Council Overview and Scrutiny inquiries into Preventing of Relationship Violence and Council Commissioning and Third Sector Organisations.
- Victims funding being devolved from government to the Police and Crime Commissioner

5. Terms of Reference for the Review

5.1 Aims

- To review the strategic, commissioning and operational arrangements for addressing domestic violence in the city.
- To provide recommendations for the City Council in providing, or enabling, a comprehensive and sustainable approach to keeping victims and children safe from domestic violence.

5.2 Scope

In respect of operational pathways, commissioning and strategic intentions, the review will consider:

- The contribution of each of the City Council's Directorates.
- The contribution of statutory and non-statutory partner agencies, including the specialist domestic violence sector
- Specific initiatives which have developed since the Domestic Violence Needs Assessment (2013) was undertaken such as: Improving Children's Services, Early Help, Right Service Right Time and Think Family programmes; commissioning centres of excellence; devolved victim funding to the Police and Crime Commissioner; the Preventing Violence Against Vulnerable People Programme; learning from the domestic homicide reviews and the impact of West Midlands Police domestic violence service transformation.
- Broader inquiries, reviews and initiatives which may impact upon the operational services and pathways for domestic violence.

5.3 Key Lines of Enquiry

- What are the existing pathways to protect and support adult and child victims of domestic violence and how can these pathways be strengthened with particular reference to:
 - Safeguarding and protection (adults and children)
 - Early Identification and Early Help
 - Mental health, substance misuse and complex needs?
- How can the culture of organisations change and adapt to meet the recommendations from domestic homicide reviews? How can we develop a multi-agency workforce development strategy for domestic violence and abuse?

- How can we achieve a balance between prevention, early help and the management of risk and need?
- How can offender management be strengthened? Has the evidence base on non-mandatory approaches to offenders developed in recent times and could new approaches be trialled and tested safely?
- How can City Council commissioning of domestic violence services be integrated more robustly across Directorates, better involve the specialist sector in co-design and maximise the third sector contribution of charitable resources?
- How can leadership of the domestic violence agenda be strengthened to incorporate the domestic violence priority of each of the city's strategic boards?

5.4 Method

- 5.4.1 The review will be managed by the Violence Against Women and Children Steering Group, with officer support from the Equalities, Community Safety and Cohesion Service.
- 5.4.2 As part of the evidence gathering for the review, the Steering Group will engage a broad range of identified stakeholders and local and national expertise in a series of evidence hearings framed around the key lines of enquiry. Each evidence hearing will take presentations on current practice, emerging evidence, the learning from DHRs and seek collective views from key stakeholders on ways to overcome the challenges.

Themes for Evidence Hearings

- Strengthening domestic violence services and pathways for safeguarding children and their non-abusing parent.
- Strengthening domestic violence services and pathways for early identification and early help.
- Strengthening services and pathways for domestic violence victims with mental health, substance misuse and complex needs
- Offender management and perpetrator programmes: what does the evidence tell us now?
- Integrated commissioning and social value
- Strengthening governance

Timeframe

Jan 2015	Terms of reference agreed at Violence Against Women and Children Steering Group
March 2015	Terms of reference and timeframe agreed at Birmingham City Council EMT
April - May 2015	Desk top research: review of evidence base post-needs assessment; amalgamation of DHR learning; preparation for summits
June - September 2015	Evidence gathering: summits

October 2015	Draft recommendations agreed at Violence Against Women & Children Steering Group
November 2015	Recommendations considered/endorsed by Birmingham City Council (EMT)

Signatures	
Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board	
Date:	

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Neighbourhood and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/2016

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1 Meeting Schedule

Date / Start at 2pm	What	Attendees/ Officer Contact
25 June 2015 Committee Room 6	Informal meeting: Work Programme Discussion	Emma Williamson Mashuq Ally, AD Equalities, Community Safety & Cohesion Joyce Springer-Amadedon Chris Jordan
30 July 2015 Committee Room 6	Introduction to portfolio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place Directorate – to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private rented sector Lifespan of tower blocks Community Safety & Cohesion 	Rob James, Director, Housing Transformation Joyce Springer-Amadedon, Equality & Community Engagement Manager
17 September 2015 Committee Room 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking: Working with Housing Associations Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Management and Homes 	Jonathon Drifill, Chair of BSHP, Rob James & Anne-Marie Powell Cllr John Cotton/Marcia Wynter
15 October 2015 Committee Room 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham: where the world meets - Tracking Report recommendation 1 & 8; and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rec 9: Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning and Culture to report back on the Birmingham Heritage Week (10 – 17 Sept) Prevent Programme The operational roll out of wheeled bins (in particular Sutton Coldfield) 	Alison Harwood & Mashuq Ally Cllr Penny Holbrook / Jon Lawton Mashuq Ally Penny Smith, Programme Director & Matt Kelly, Assistant Director FWM (Ops)



Date / Start at 2pm	What	Attendees/ Officer Contact
19 November 2015 Committee Room 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety. Tracking Report: Working with Communities to Prevent Relationship Violence Update on Domestic Violence Strategy 	Cllr Shafique Shah / Marcia Wynter Cllr Mariam Khan & Mashuq Ally Mashuq Ally & Sam Monnox
17 December 2015 Committee Room 6 Deadline for reports 8 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on Equalities and Social Inclusion. To include a presentation on work being done in schools. Neighbourhood Challenge Inquiry (TOR) 	Mashuq Ally TBC
21 January 2016 Committee Room 6 Deadline for reports 12 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Poverty 	Mashuq Ally
18 February 2016 Committee Room 6 Deadline for reports 9 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the Community Safety Partnership. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbourhood policing & Neighbourhood Tasking Groups (NTGs) Random violent crime Domestic Homicide Reviews Neighbourhood Challenge - Update report 	ACC Marcus Beale and Mashuq Ally / Geoffrey Taylor Paula Harding TBC
17 March 2016 Committee Room 6 Deadline for reports 8 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Management and Homes. Discussion to include Volunteers and the third sector Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety Tracking: Health of the Birmingham's Third Sector 	Cllr John Cotton / Marcia Wynter Marcia Wynter TBC
21 April 2016 Committee Room 2 Deadline for reports 12 Apr	TBC	TBC



2 Outstanding Tracking Reports

Inquiry	Member who led the Inquiry	Recommendations Outstanding	Date
Birmingham: Where the world meets	Cllr Waseem Zaffar	Recommendations 1 (Welcome Pack) and 8 (focus on community based on locality or neighbourhood, so that competing needs and entitlements can be discussed and balanced) and: Recommendation 9: Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning and Culture to report back on the Birmingham Heritage Week (10 th – 17 th Sept)	Completed 15 Oct 2015
Working with Communities to Prevent Relationship Violence	Cllr Mariam Khan	Recommendations 1 (encourage community led preventative approach) 2 (Review DV Strategy) and 3 (encourage schools and educational establishments to take a 'whole school approach' to children and young people developing positive relationships and providing guidance).	19 Nov 2015
Working with Housing Associations	Cllr Majid Mahmood	Recommendations 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9	Completed 17 Sep 2015
Health of Birmingham's Third Sector	Cllr Majid Mahmood	Recommendation 1: A thorough and detailed mapping exercise of all third sector provision is undertaken. To be provided: A final report giving an overview (to familiarise the NCS Committee) of how the approach to Rec 1 has been revised over the years as resources have fallen (an approach agreed to by the PCP&TS Committee) together with the detail/analysis.	17 Mar 2016

3 Inquiry Schedule

Inquiry – Neighbourhood Challenge¹

Date	Item
17 December 2015	Committee Agree Terms of Reference
December /January 2016	Call for evidence

¹ Neighbourhood Challenge – to investigate, review and gather data on the performance of all local public services, working in a collaborative but challenging way with all services providers and seeking out and promoting new ways of improving services.



9 February 2016	Corporate Resources O&S Committee's Evidence Gathering Session re: the new District and Ward Structures
18 February 2016	Neighbourhood and Community Services O&S Committee's Evidence Gathering Session
w/c 29 February 2016	Committee agree the draft report and send to the Executive for comments (8 day rule)
17 March 2016	Committee agree the final report
5 April 2016 (deadline for send out is 22 March 2016)	City Council

4 Other Meetings

Call in Meetings

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

Neighbourhood Challenge

None scheduled

It is suggested that the Committee approve Thursday at 1400 as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions etc.

5 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Neighbourhood and Community Services O&S Committee's remit.

ID Number	Title	Cabinet Member	Proposed Date of Decision
000729/2015	The Way Forward for Advice and Information Services	Inclusion and Community Safety	17 Nov 15
000542/2015	Policy for the Use of Private Rented Sector to Meet Housing Needs	Health & Social Care	26 Jan 16