

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Subject: Inquiry into tackling domestic violence and abuse – formal response to the Scrutiny Board’s recommendations**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. Last year, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board conducted an in-depth inquiry into tackling domestic violence and abuse, with a particular focus on improving the early detection and referral of victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse.
2. In acknowledging the complexity and cross-cutting nature of this area of work, the Children and Families Scrutiny Board and the Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board were also invited to nominate a representative to assist in undertaking this inquiry.
3. The inquiry concluded in March 2014 and a report setting out the Scrutiny Board’s findings and recommendations was published on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
4. It is the normal practice to request a formal response from the relevant Directorate(s) to the Board’s recommendations once a report has been published. Details of the formal response to the Board’s recommendations are attached for Members’ consideration (see appendix 1).

## **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to consider the formal response to the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Board's inquiry into tackling domestic violence and abuse.

## **Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

6. None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.