

Addendum to the 15 June 2023 Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

Focus for the Future

Due to time restrictions, it had been necessary to defer hearing from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture and the County Commissioner for Regulatory Services and Community Safety on their focus for the future. At that meeting Members agreed that this should be rescheduled.

An informal session was held on Monday 10 July where Members received a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture and the County Commissioner for Regulatory Services and Community Safety on a forward look at key areas of work within their remit to help inform the Committee's work programme planning.

The following areas were highlighted:

- the County wide refreshed Community Safety Agreement produced by the Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group;
- the Domestic Abuse recommissioned contract;
- Domestic Abuse safe accommodation grant and the new duty to support victims of domestic abuse in safe accommodation settings;
- Prevent, and the County's statutory responsibility within that, reporting to the Contest Board. Within this is the recent introduction of a regional advisor by the Home Office to have oversight of the local Prevent work and provide feedback of local partnership activity to the Home Office. The recently published independent review of Prevent and recommendations included in this review were also mentioned, understanding whether there were any implications for Staffordshire;
- Channel counter terrorism local work, meeting monthly with multiagency partners pertinent to vulnerable individual's being discussed, with an increase in governance and scrutiny of this Board over the last 18 months;
- the new Protect Duty, also known as Martin's Law, which looks to reduce the risk to the public from terrorism at venues and ensure appropriate mitigation is in place;
- Modern slavery, working in partnership with the Police where incidents are identified and the duty to notify as a first responder;
- The Serious Violence Duty, discharged through the Staffordshire and Stoke Violence Reduction Alliance, with oversight at SSCSG;
- Offensive Weapons Homicide reviews;
- The work of Trading Standards in enforcing more than 250 pieces of legislation and their work to ensure a safe and sustainable marketplace;

- Income generated by Trading Standards and the impact of their work being responsible for 35% of the County Council's positive media coverage;
- Vaping non-compliance and unsafe products which are aimed at children and young people.

The areas highlighted will be considered alongside other areas raised for possible inclusion on the Committee's work programme.