

Record of Decisions

Community Safety - Update on Violence Against Women and Girls

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 15 June 2021.

Decision

That:

- i) The contents of the report be noted and future updates requested to monitor progress;
- ii) The Director of Place work with Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture to continue to pursue future funding opportunities to improve the street lighting infrastructure and the Director of Place to come back in September with a clear action plan to tackle any significant backlogs of works that need factoring into our future capital plans; and
- iii) The Assistant Director of Education, Learning and Skills promote best practice within our school communities to encourage a consistent approach to the delivery of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence taking into consideration the recommendations in the Ofsted Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges published 10 June 2021.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that Torbay remains a safe place where residents feel able to live their lives without fear of violence.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 28 June 2021 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

In light of the issues arising from the murder of Sarah Everard, the Cabinet wanted to take the opportunity to review community safety within Torbay. At the Cabinet meeting on 23 March 2021 Members considered a report and requested that a further update be presented to Cabinet post the Community Safety Partnership meeting on 29 April 2021.

The subsequent report of the Community Safety Partnership highlights work being undertaken under the direction of the Community Safety Partnership and by Torbay Council's Safer Communities Team. The report also provides an update on the ongoing work regarding street lighting infrastructure by the Natural Environment and Highways Teams.

At the meeting Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Stockman seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet