

## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject:** Final Report and Recommendations of the Domestic Abuse and Accommodation Working Group

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### **Wards Affected**

Borough-wide

### **Purpose**

To present the report and recommendations of the working group that examined how the Council contributes to fulfilling the duty to secure refuge places and emergency accommodation appropriate for the needs of individuals and their families, including those with a disability and from the LGBTQ+ and BAME communities. The use of the Sanctuary Scheme to enable people to stay safely in their own homes was also explored.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a key decision

### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **THAT:**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Consider the report and recommendations of the Surface Water Flooding working group; and
- 2) Provide a written response to the recommendations for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 28 days.

1.1 Members are reminded that part of the remit of Scrutiny is to deal with wider service or policy issues through the establishment of working groups, which take an in depth view of Council policies and plans as directed by the Overview Scrutiny Committee, and make recommendations to Cabinet accordingly. In accordance with the Scrutiny Improvement Plan 2010, a review is commissioned when:

- There is added value that this work will bring to the core priorities of the Council
- It is likely to make a difference if a working group undertake this work
- It is likely to lead to improved performance
- It is likely that the working group's recommendations will improve the lives of the residents of Gedling Borough
- It will increase Member awareness of important issues.

## **2 Proposal**

2.1 It is proposed that the relevant portfolio holder(s) consider the recommendations made by the working group and that a response is provided within 28 days for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting.

## **3 Alternative Options**

3.1 Under Executive governance arrangements the Cabinet is required to consider reports from the Scrutiny Committee so there are no alternative options

## **4 Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **5 Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no legal financial implications arising from this report.

## **6 Equalities Implications**

6.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report, although there may be future positive impacts for some groups with protected characteristics should any recommendations be taken forward.

## **7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct carbon reduction or environmental sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **8 Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Report and recommendations of the Domestic Abuse and Accommodation Working Group

## **9 Background Papers**

- 9.1 None identified

## **10 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 10.1 To comply with Executive governance arrangements and fulfil the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.