



Recommends ...

The meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Panel held on 3rd September 2026, made the following comments.

To: Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities

BACKGROUND

The panel considered a report on the Domestic Abuse Partnership Strategy 2026-2030.

SPC.21 DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2026-2030

One Councillor requested confirmation that the strategy remains gender-inclusive. Officers confirmed male victims were fully accommodated with separate, dedicated provision, while remaining alert to coercive control dynamics such as malicious counter-reporting.

Concerns were raised about democratic oversight, stating that annual reporting to Council was insufficient for a new, high-stakes public health strategy. The panel believed it would be beneficial if they were to request more frequent progress updates and direct early input into the upcoming Strategy Action Plan.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET -

- 1) That the recommendations stated within the report be supported.
- 2) That Officers establish a reporting process to provide the Communities Scrutiny Panel with more frequent progress updates on the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2026-2030, including opportunities for the Panel to consider and comment on the associated Action Plan as it is developed.

This was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Aisthorpe. This was supported by a unanimous vote.

Scrutiny Chair: Councillor Clough

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