

**REPORT TO:** CABINET

**DATE:** 25 MARCH 2021

**TITLE:** REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ANNUAL  
REVIEW

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** COUNCILLOR CHRIS VINCE, PORTFOLIO  
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**This is not a Key Decision**

**It is on the Forward Plan as Decision Number I012337**

**The decision is not subject to Call-in Procedures for the following reason:**

The decision is for noting only

**This decision will affect no ward specifically.**

**RECOMMENDED that:**

- A** The Cabinet notes the review and that the Scrutiny Committee intends to carry out a review of domestic violence during the 2021/22 municipal year.

**REASON FOR DECISION**

- A** The Scrutiny Committee made a decision at its meeting on 16 March 2021 and has referred the matter to Cabinet for noting.

**BACKGROUND**

1. At its meeting on 9 February 2021, the Scrutiny had a presentation by Essex Police followed by a question and answer session. This covered areas agreed by the Committee at an earlier meeting. It was agreed that the Committee would consider what action and recommendations it would make at its meeting on 16 March 2021

**ISSUES/PROPOSALS**

2. The Committee considered the District crime data as at January 2021 (see background papers). This highlighted an increase in domestic abuse and harassment, particularly against women. The Committee also noted that nationally, 118 women had been killed by men in the past year.

3. In light of this, the Committee has agreed to set up a sub group to oversee the scoping of the review, with this review being considered as item when the Committee sets its work plan for 2021/22.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Environment and Planning (Includes Sustainability)**

None specific.

**Author: Andrew Bramidge, Head of Environment and Planning**

### **Finance (Includes ICT, and Property and Facilities)**

None specific.

**Author: Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and Property and Deputy to the Chief Executive**

### **Housing**

As outlined in the report.

**Author: Andrew Murray, Head of Housing**

### **Community Wellbeing (Includes Equalities and Social Inclusion)**

None specific at this time.

**Author: Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing**

### **Governance (Includes HR)**

None specific.

**Author: Simon Hill, Head of Governance**

## **Appendices**

None.

## **Background Papers**

District Crime Data January 2021 - <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/January-2021-District-Data.pdf>

## **Glossary of terms/abbreviations used**

None.