

Scrutiny Committee – Review Topic Submission Form

Councillor Name and other Councillors supporting submission	Tony Edwards David Carter
Review Topic	Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harassment
Links to the Council's priorities	Wellbeing and Social Inclusion
What priority level is this item?	High
Terms of reference (to include the scope of the review)	To understand the local support networks available to victims and domestic abuse and sexual harassment To identify barriers to access for support To understand how the Council fits into the support networks To determine how the Council could improve access to support networks
Purpose and objective of the review	To make access to support networks for victims of domestic abuse and sexual harassment easier for residents of Harlow
Methodology/approach (methods to be used for gathering evidence)	Written evidence/question and answer with other support organisations
Written evidence required	Relevant legislation Statistical information related to domestic abuse Responses from relevant organisations
Potential witnesses	Essex Police Community Safety Safer Places Refuge Solace Respect – The Men's Advice Line
Potential Stakeholder involvement (who are the stakeholders and how will their views be sought)	Essex Police – via written information Community Safety – via written information Safer Places – via written information Refuge – via written information

	<p>Solace – via written information</p> <p>Respect – The Men’s Advice Line – via written information</p> <p>Victims of domestic abuse – via support organisations</p>
Site visits (where and when)	N/A
Publicity (methods to be used)	Dialogue with relevant organisations
Resources (people, expenditure)	Council staff – time to engage with organisations and gather information
Barriers/dangers/risks (any weaknesses or potential pitfalls in the review)	<p>Lack of engagement from stakeholders</p> <p>Lack of Officer resource</p>
Measures of success	Increased provision of support mechanisms in Harlow