Appendix 3 – Item: Violence Against Women & Girls – Deep Dive

Considered by Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 26 March 2024

REC No.	SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPTED / PARTIALLY ACCEPTED / ALREADY IN PROGRESS / REJECTED (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (i.e. Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
SOC.29. 23/24	As the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Delivery Plan was still being developed, the Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends that the follow areas are included in the final plan: 1. To restart the pre-pandemic workstream providing targeted engagement about the signs of violence against women and girls with local businesses, such as barber shops, hairdressers, and those businesses in the nighttime economy. 2. The provision of new Domestic Abuse Champions across the statutory partners was welcomed and as such the scope of this should be expanded to identifying and training potential community- based champions. 3. The Delivery Plan needs to include a focus on children coming from families experiencing domestic abuse. Even if they are not experiencing the abuse directly, they will suffer fallout if it's happening between others in the home.	Councillor Ola Kolade Community Safety	 Partially Accepted – Comms is a huge part of the action plan, and this will be about how we share information about what the local offer is as well as how to identify signs of violence. Partially Accepted - Community based IDVAs – the FJS already have Community based IDVAs and run a VAWG forum for Community organisations. The offer of training for VCS organisations will improve how information is shared amongst the community. Partially Accepted – the plan will highlight how services interact to focus on children coming from families experiencing DA. Partially Accepted – partners do complete the relevant training in relation to supporting victims of DA. It will be up to each partner to do so. Partially Accepted – this will not be part of the document but will be an action to improve the comms and information available to the public and partners. 	Kristian Aspinall, Director of Culture & Community Safety	Costing in relation to work to update the webpage and produce comms for the borough.	2024/25	TBC

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	 There needed to be training provided for all statutory partners on the many different forms of violence against women and girls, and to improve the cultural competence of those support victims. That document is created to set out the support and services available for victims of violence against women and girls, that can be distributed within local communities. The Delivery Plan needs to have a proper emphasis on perpetrators and how to hold them to account. There needs to be clear focus in the Delivery Plan that Violence Against Women and Girls is a 'male problem' and as such there needed to be increased engagement with male community leaders about the issues involved. The possibility of partnering with Crystal Palace Football Club on a campaign to tackle violence against women and girls should be explored. There should be key performance indicators included in the Mayor's Business Plan Performance reports that would measure the performance of the Delivery Plan. 		 Accepted Partially Accepted - this will not be part of the document but will be an action to improve the comms and information available to the public and partners. We will look to partner with as many different organisations as possible to promote the delivery plan. Accepted - Appropriate potential KPIs will be identified. 				