

Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date: 20 June 2023

Wards: ALL

Subject: Report and Recommendations arising from the ‘Self Harm and Eating Disorders’ Task Group Review

Lead member: Councillor Linda Kirby, Chair of the ‘Eating Disorders and Self-Harm affecting young people in Merton ’ Task Group.

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Recommendations:

- A. That the Panel comment on the report and recommendations arising from the ‘Eating Disorders and Self Harm affecting young people in Merton’ Task Group.
 - B. That the Panel send the report to Cabinet for final agreement.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. In September 2022 this Panel commissioned a task group to consider ‘Eating Disorders and Self Harm affecting young people in Merton’. The full report is attached.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 2.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

3 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 3.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting.

4 TIMETABLE

- 4.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2023/24

5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. None relating to this covering report.

6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

7.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None relating to this covering report.

10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Report and Recommendations arising from the 'Eating Disorders and Self Harm affecting young people in Merton'.

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1. None.