

## Appendix 1 – Recommendations arising from Scrutiny & Overview Committee, 26 March 2024

### Item: Croydon Community Safety Partnership

Recommendation Number	Recommendation	Political Lead	Officer Lead
SOC.25.23/24	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends that the Council uses its existing networks and resources to raise awareness of the Safer Neighbourhood Board and its meetings.	Cllr Ola Kolade	Kristian Aspinall
SOC.26.23/24	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends that the Council through its role as a statutory partner uses its influence to ensure that the Safer Croydon Partnership has a clear focus on delivering tangible public outcomes for residents, rather than inputs and processes from officers.	Cllr Ola Kolade	Kristian Aspinall

**Item: Violence Reduction Network – Draft Strategic Assessment**

<b>Recommendation Number</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Political Lead</b>	<b>Officer Lead</b>
SOC.27.23/24	Given the crime statistics indicate there is a high rate of reoffending within the borough, the Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends that work is undertaken to benchmark against reoffending rates in other areas and to engage with boroughs with low reoffending rates to establish whether there is any best practice that could be used in Croydon.	Cllr Ola Kolade	Kristian Aspinall
SOC.28.23/24	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends that the possibility of identifying and promoting libraries and schools as safe spaces is explored.	Cllr Ola Kolade	Kristian Aspinall

**Item: Violence Against Women & Girls – Deep Dive**

Recommendation Number	Recommendation	Political Lead	Officer Lead
SOC.29.23/24	<p>As the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Delivery Plan was still being developed, the Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee recommends that the follow areas are included in the final plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 who support victims.</li> <li>• That a 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.</li> <li>• The Delivery Plan needs to have a proper emphasis on perpetrators and how to hold them to account.</li> </ul>	Cllr Ola Kolade	Kristian Aspinall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• The possibility of partnering with Crystal Palace Football Club on a campaign to raise awareness of violence against women and girls should be explored.</li><li>• There should be key performance indicators included in the Mayor's Business Plan Performance reports that would measure the performance of the Delivery Plan.</li></ul>		
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