Domestic Violence in Barking & Dagenham

Report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services

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**Summary:**

At an informal meeting of the Children’s Services Select Committee (CSSC) on 9 December 2014, the Committee agreed to include an item on domestic violence on its Work Programme 2014/15.

Subsequently, the Corporate Director informed the Lead Member of the Committee, Councillor White, that the Health and Well Being Board (HWBB) received a report on domestic violence in April 2013, and then agreed to commission the Public Health Programme Sub-Group “to review the provision of services in the borough and make recommendations to the Board’s July meeting as to which services should be commissioned and how these should be funded”. In July 2013 the HWBB received a report detailing the recommendations stemming from this review, as well as other information on domestic violence including the profile of the needs of service users, domestic violence and pregnancy and information about local services.

Due to the comprehensive nature of the report that went to the HWBB in July 2013, the Corporate Director, Children’s Services and Councillor White agreed that the CSSC should be provided with the report at its meeting on 10 March 2015. The report, entitled ‘A Review of Services for Those Affected by Domestic Violence’, is provided at Appendix A and will be presented by Matthew Cole, the Director of Public Health at the meeting.

**Recommendation(s)**

The CSSC is recommended to discuss and note the report.

**Reason(s)**

The report, ‘A Review of Services for Those Affected by Domestic Violence’ relates to the Council’s priority to enable social responsibility and the objective to protect the most vulnerable, keeping adults and children healthy and safe.
Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

None.

List of appendices:

Appendix A  16 July 2013 HWBB report, A Review of Services for Those Affected by Domestic Violence
Appendix 1  Laws that are relevant to domestic abuse
Appendix 2  NHS funding of maternity services
Appendix 3  Domestic Violence Services 2013/14 – Total Contract Value
Appendix 4  ‘Incidents of domestic abuse and violence’ section of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
Appendix 5  Understanding Domestic and Sexual Violence and Harmful Practices Brochure