City Council



Date of meeting:	20 November 2023
Title of Report:	VAWG DASV Strategy and Action Plan 2023-26
Lead Member:	Councillor Sally Haydon (Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Libraries, Cemeteries & Crematoria)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report:

- provides background information regarding the development of the City-wide VAWG DASV Strategy and Action Plan;
- includes a summary of our strategic priorities and urgent activities and statutory responsibilities for delivery against this agenda;
- advises Council of the formal launch of the Strategy and Plan during 16 Days of Activism; and
- seeks continued cross-party endorsement and support of City-wide work to address VAWG and DASV.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Council agrees to endorse the City-wide Strategy and Action Plan

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I.I. The alternative was that the DASV Board does not have a Strategy and Action Plan and continues to operate more like a forum, but this would not be in line with the statutory duties and responsibilities of a Board under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- 1.2. There is reputational and operational risk in not delivering on the Strategy and Plan, which represents Plymouth's coordinated and consolidated partnership activities to address VAWG and DASV. The Strategy and Plan provides a clear structure for the City to deliver on its commitments and statutory responsibilities around this agenda. It is clear, concise and consistent with the needs of those with lived experience of VAWG DASV and will support Plymouth to strengthen its response and reduce risk and increase safety for people in the City.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This work is relevant to the Health and Well-being Strategy and the Safer Plymouth Partnership Plan.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: $N\!/\!A$

Financial Risks

N/A

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

Responding to domestic abuse, supports the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity and promote healthy relationships, including for those who have protected characteristics under the Equalities Act.

Appendices

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С	Climate Impact Assessment (if applicable)									

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Gary Walbridge, Director of People										
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes										
Date agreed: 10/11/2023										
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Haydon										
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