

Date of meeting:	20 November 2023
Title of Report:	<b>VAWG DASV Strategy and Action Plan 2023-26</b>
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

- 1.1. 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.



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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 Date approved: 10/11/2023											