

Extract from minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on 22 March 2017 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde

## **CAB.40**

### **Domestic Abuse task group - final report**

Cabinet agreed that the order of agenda items be rearranged so that item 6 on the agenda could be taken next to allow Councillor Reeves, the Chairman of the Domestic Abuse task group, to leave immediately afterwards.

The Chairman of the Domestic Abuse task group and the Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report detailing the work of the Domestic Abuse task group.

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder thanked the members of the task group and Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer, for their work on the task and acknowledged that Councillor Reeves, as chairman, had been the driving force behind the group and that it had been a high point in her work as a councillor.

Councillor Berry gave his wholehearted support to all six of the task group's recommendations and advocated that all were accepted. He added that in respect of recommendation 4, Councillor Barry Birch had already asked to be one of the Domestic Abuse Champions. Councillor Christine Smith was then nominated as the other councillor Domestic Abuse Champion and this was accepted.

The Chief Executive informed Cabinet that he had volunteered himself to be one of the officer Domestic Abuse Champions and that the Service Director Health and Wellbeing, Neil Greenwood (Head of Environmental Health and Community Safety) and Dave McArthur (Private Sector Housing and Housing Options Manager) had also volunteered to give four officer options.

### **Decision taken**

Cabinet agreed

1. That steps be taken by the council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel and/or the Portfolio Holder and officers of the council to make representations to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that the views of Wyre Council, as a recognised stakeholder, are taken into account throughout the process of performance monitoring of the newly commissioned service.
2. That all councillors be offered and encouraged to take part in domestic abuse training, to be delivered by the end of March 2018.

3. That the Council continues to support and promote the annual White Ribbon Campaign.
4. That the Council appoints two councillors and two officers as Domestic Abuse Champions.
5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receives a briefing report, preferably specific to the Wyre Council area, from the council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel or the Portfolio Holder about the newly commissioned service at the beginning of the 2018/19 Municipal Year.
6. That the report from the council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel or the Portfolio Holder's to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the beginning of the 2018/19 Municipal Year includes comments about the implementation of each of the task group's recommendations that has been supported by the Cabinet.