

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10TH JUNE 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION TASK & FINISH GROUP 2019/20 PLANNING AND SCOPING DOCUMENT

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To consider and endorse the aims and scope of the work of the Task & Finish Group.
- To agree on the Membership of the Task and Finish Group.

Reasons:

- To enable the Committee to consider the aims and scope of the work of the Task & Finish Group and agree on the Membership of the Task and Finish Group.
- The Task & Finish Group is required to report the progress of its work to the main scrutiny committee.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:
Councillor P. M. Hughes (Public Protection)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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At its informal Forward Work Programme Development Session held on the 22nd February 2019, the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee agreed in principal to undertake a review into the Carmarthenshire County Council Trading Standards initiative – The Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS).

The Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS) is a multi-agency initiative created and developed by Carmarthenshire Trading Standards, to detect and prevent the financial exploitation of vulnerable people by carers, family members, doorstep criminals, mail fraud, telephone and email scams.

The FESS initiative fulfils a vital statutory support function for the purposes of compliance with the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 promoting strategies of social and economic wellbeing, reducing poverty and preventing abuse and neglect.

The key aims and objectives for this task and finish review have been captured and developed into the appended Draft Planning and Scoping document which Members of the Committee are asked to consider and agree.

Furthermore, the Committee are required to agree on which Members will form the Task and Finish Group, which will consist of up to 6 Members and be politically balanced.

The Task and Finish Group will arrange to hold its first meeting as soon as possible and will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership at this meeting. Officers from within the Trading Standards department and Democratic Services will support the work of the Task & Finish Group.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

1. Local Member(s) – N/A

2. Community / Town Council – N/A

3. Relevant Partners – If required, representatives from partner organisations will be consulted as part of the Task & Finish Group's review.

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Officers from the Trading Standards Department have contributed to the development of the Planning and Scoping Document and will continue to support the work of the Task & Finish Group.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire's Well-being Objectives from the County Council's Corporate Strategy 2018-23	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1214849/corporate-strategy-2018-23.pdf
Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s9851/Report.pdf