

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR COMMUNITIES

20TH MARCH 2017

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Pam Palmer	Communities

DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To decide on contribution to the 'Safety, Trust and Respect' (STAR) programme to be rolled out in secondary schools across the county.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. Approval of a £6,750 contribution to the resource packs, costing £13,500, needed to deliver this programme. The Education and Children's Services Department will match fund this amount.

Reasons:

The purchase of the resource packs will enable the delivery of this prevention programme across Carmarthenshire.

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

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Summary

Tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence is a priority for the Public Services Board's 'Fair and Safe Communities' group. A range of approaches are taken by partner organisations to address this crime including prevention, the provision of support and information and enforcement against perpetrators. The Safety, Trust and Respect programme (STAR) has been identified as a good preventative approach which would build upon work undertaken in secondary schools.

Overview of STAR

The aim is for all pupils within Carmarthenshire secondary schools to participate in the 8 week STAR programme. This is a preventative programme devised by Welsh Women's Aid and covers aspects such as domestic abuse and healthy relationships, sexting and sexual exploitation, pornography and sexual consent.

Training to deliver the programme would be required and is provided free of charge by Welsh Women's Aid. It is intended that this would be attended by two members of staff from each school/unit.

There is a pre and post questionnaire designed as part of the programme in order to evaluate its success.

Establishment and delivery of the programme

A co-ordinated approach to training, co-facilitation and awareness raising will be taken forward by the Education and Children's Services Department ensuring linkages with domestic abuse service providers and the Council's Youth Support Service. The latter already provide the programme in a targeted approach as required which will supplement this generic approach to delivery in all secondary schools.

Funding

Costs for the 15 secondary schools including special schools and Pupil Referral Units to receive a bilingual copy of each of the resource packs for 11-13 and 14-25 year olds is £13,500. The Education and Children's Services Department would fund 50% of the costs.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

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: Wendy S Walters

Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration and Policy)

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Tackling violent crime continues to be a priority for the Community Safety Partnership and domestic abuse is considered to be a key area which needs to be addressed.

3. Finance

Funding for the contribution is available from the Council's community safety budget and the Education and Children's Services Department have confirmed their contribution.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Wendy S Walters
Policy)

Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration and

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A

2. Local Member(s) N/A

3. Community / Town Council N/A

4. Relevant Partners N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

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

NONE