

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform members of the work of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU).

Information

2. In 2019, Nottinghamshire (inclusive of the City) was identified as one of 12 policing areas facing significantly high rates of violent crime. The police force was awarded circa £1million of surge funding which was to be spent on policing activity. In the summer of 2019, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was awarded an £880,000 Home Office allocation to establish a VRU.
3. The VRU is a partnership of specialists from Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Health, Education, Policing and Criminal Justice. It works with communities and voluntary and community groups to reduce serious violence and tackle its underlying causes.
4. The work of the VRU was referenced within an update report on Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation to Policy Committee on 12 February 2020 and Members requested regular progress reports to the Committee.
5. These updates have been scheduled on a six monthly basis and this is the first such report – see **Appendix A**. Natalie Baker Swift, Programme Manager, Violence Reduction and Early Intervention from the VRU, will join the virtual meeting to introduce the report and answer any queries from Members.

Other Options Considered

6. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. Members have requested regular updates on the work of the VRU.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human

rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Policy Committee:-

- 1) Considers the information and decides if there are any further actions required.
- 2) Agrees to receive a further update to a future meeting.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Leader of the Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact:
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Constitutional Comments (KK 28/10/2020)

Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report. If Committee resolves that any actions are required it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 24/08/2020)

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All