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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report summarises the work undertaken by the Community Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year 2018-19.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That Members note the report and approve its submission to Council.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The report summarises the work undertaken by the Committee during the municipal year 2018-19.
- 3.2 The Committee received information on:
- (i) the end of year outturn for the Priority Delivery Plan for 2017-18;
 - (ii) Housing, Crime & Partnerships and Health, Culture & Environment Scrutiny Committees 2017-18 Annual Reports;
 - (iii) Community Wellbeing PDP 2018-19;
 - (iv) Community Wellbeing PDP 2018-19 performance updates;
 - (v) Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and 'County Lines' Review.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The remit of the Community Scrutiny Committee is linked to the Council's Community Wellbeing priority.

5 Report Detail

5.1 It was agreed in July 2018 by the Committee that its work programme for 2018/19 would be:

- End of Year Outturn for the 2017-18 Crime & Partnerships and Environment PDPs;
- Housing, Crime & Partnerships and Health, Culture & Environment Scrutiny
- Committees 2017-18 Annual Reports;
- Community Wellbeing PDP 2018-19;
- Community Wellbeing PDP 2018-19 performance updates;
- Child Exploitation and 'County Lines' Review

5.2 In respect the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and 'County Lines' Review, the Committee agreed that Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire County Council be invited to give a presentation to the committee, specifically covering the below questions:

- a) What is the scale of child exploitation in Cannock Chase with particular reference to 'County Lines' drug related activity?
- b) What is the relative position of Cannock Chase in relation to the above when compared to other District / Borough / Local Policing Team areas in Staffordshire?
- c) Are there any issues that the District Council need to consider to support existing and future action child exploitation in the District.

The Committee also agreed that a Task and Finish Group comprised of four members of the Committee be formed to undertake additional work on the review, if required.

5.3 The Committee received presentations from both Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire County Council at its meeting in November 2018 and raised a number of questions in relation to the information presented.

5.4 The Committee then received the final review report at its meeting held in March 2019 and agreed the following actions:

- That a letter be sent to the Government, on behalf of the Committee, recommending that the law be changed to stop mobile phones being purchased and used anonymously, thereby making it easier for relevant authorities to tackle County Lines issues.
- A letter be sent to the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire & Rescue and Crime (PFCC) detailing the recommendations of the Committee on this review, once finalised.