

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	4 July 2017 27 July 2017
Subject:	Peer Review Working Group - Final Report		
Report of:	Head of Regulation and Compliance	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Cabinet Portfolio:	Communities and Housing		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To present formally the final report of the Peer Review Working Group.

Recommendations:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)

- (1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) approves and commends the Peer Review Working Group – Final Report with its' recommendations to the Cabinet for its' approval; and
- (2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) be requested to authorise the Senior Democratic Services Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, to make any amendments, arising as a result of the Committee meeting, to the Final Report.

Cabinet – That the Cabinet be requested to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) That tribute be extended to all those Partnership Members who play a vital role in ensuring that Sefton is a safe community to live, work and visit;
- (2) That the MARSOC be requested to investigate the merits and feasibility of a secure and sophisticated Information Sharing System/Programme to be shared/used by key Officers in the Partnership;
- (3) That the MARSOC be requested to approach Further Education establishments to investigate the feasibility of developing a course specifically aimed at targeting a cohort of young offenders;

- (4) That the MARSOC be requested to develop a pathway leading to the signposting of services for those individuals with a desire to change their behaviour and depart from being involved with SOC (Using Partnership funds were available to invest in programmes for young people who are vulnerable or at risk to becoming adopted into SOC. For example business training, Modern Technology Training or Mentoring);
- (5) That the MARSOC be requested to speak with schools across Sefton about how the data they hold on every child can be shared between schools when the child is departing from one to another in order that schools can be alerted to SOC or vulnerability in the community;
- (6) That the Youth Prevention Team and Youth Offenders Team receive, where possible support and/or funding to improve, introduce and promote the 'Neglect Strategy' which will further support the prevention of young adults accessing SOC while also helping young people prepare to become young adults;
- (7) That the Council submit this report with feedback from success stories to the Government department and Minister to request increased funding from central Government for this borough so that there is not a decrease in some of the highest quality serious and organised crime prevention work in the UK; and
- (8) That the Head of Communities, on behalf of the MARSOC, be requested to update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) on the progress made in relation to the implementation of recommendations on an annual basis, until the recommendations are signed off as complete.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Working Group has made a number of recommendations that require approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) and the Cabinet.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

No alternative options were considered. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) established the Working Group to ensure that the recommendations of the Home Office Peer review had been considered and were necessary implemented. The Working Group has delivered on the terms agreed in the scoping document.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no financial implications arising for the Council as a direct result of this report.

(B) Capital Costs

There are no financial implications arising for the Council as a direct result of this report.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
Legal Implications:
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: The findings and recommendations of the Peer Review Working Group will assist in protecting not only the most vulnerable but all who live, work and visit Sefton and the surrounding Liverpool City Region area.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Sefton Council promotes a Multi-Agency approach to engaging with its communities in order that individuals are confident in how to report instances of concern.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: The report promotes the 2030 Vision in ensuring that, as far as possible, Sefton Council with its Partners provides and environment that is a safe place to live, work and visit.
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD4678/17.) notes the report indicates there are no financial implications arising for the Council as a direct result of this report.

The Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.3962/17) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations: Not applicable

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

At its meeting held on 5 July 2016 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) approved the establishment of a Working Group to review Sefton’s approach to serious and organised crime in light of the Home Office Peer Review findings in November 2015 with the following terms of reference:

To ensure that the recommendations of the Home Office Peer review are considered and were necessary implemented.

Be satisfied that the findings of the report are accurate.

To be assured that those leading on the agenda in Sefton have a sound approach.

To challenge and make recommendations to improve service delivery.

Accordingly, the Working Group has met on numerous occasions, considered relevant documentation and interviewed various expert witnesses, as detailed in the Final Report.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) and the Cabinet are requested to support the contents of the Working Group Final Report and approve the recommendations contained therein.