



PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Housing and Community Safety

CABINET DATE:²

8 November 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

We have made good progress with the process to build a new Housing Register (which determines the allocation of social housing, and who is housed by local Housing Association Registered Providers). People have until 1 December to register, or re-register, and we will then be able to fully operate the Housing Allocations Policy passed by Cabinet earlier in the year. We have an excellent new software system in place to improve the 'customer experience'.

We have responded to new requirements placed on the Council through the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. This builds on the extensive work the Council and its partners have undertaken to tackle domestic abuse over many years.

We are currently running a domestic abuse awareness campaign with banners being put on Council owned vehicles so we reach as many people and communities as possible.

¹ Enter the portfolio area

² Insert the date of the Cabinet meeting to which this summary update is to be reported

³ Provide brief details of the meetings attended, key activities or project milestones completed since the last report

We have developed a new suite of domestic abuse training packages for staff which aim to develop their skills and knowledge so they can respond to domestic abuse issues appropriately.

We have put in place new arrangements, in line with government expectations, to help prevent people being drawn into violent extremism through our new Channel Panels.

Working with colleagues in the Place Directorate, we have secured around £380,000 from the Government's Safer Streets Fund for CCTV in Weymouth and other projects aimed at addressing violence against women and girls.

We have led various projects to raise awareness of the Council's responsibilities around Modern Slavery, including staff training.

We continue to lead work on Domestic Homicide Reviews, developing our local response and sharing lessons learnt at a national and local level.

The DELEGATED
DECISIONS MADE:⁴

To publish the consultation draft of the Domestic Abuse Strategy (see item 11).

⁴ Enter details of any delegated decisions made since the last meeting

ANTICIPATED
ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES
FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

Public consultation on the Domestic Abuse Strategy will start mid November. The results of the consultation will be used to inform the final Strategy (see item 11).

⁵ Provide details of key activities, project milestones or significant meetings anticipated in the next period