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Response from Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue – Cllr Duncan Crow		
Agenda item	Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee recommendations (24 November 2021)	Response
Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse	i. Approved of the scope and range of work being carried out to address the issues of DSVAs and reduce harm.	Noted.
	ii. Approved of the range and scope of work to engage with all sections of our communities.	Noted.
	iii. Asked Cabinet Members to identify and raise issues of short-term funded services (particularly in respect of early intervention and step-down services) in their respective portfolio areas and describe what contingency plans are in place to prolong service delivery or mitigate its termination at the end of funding periods.	<p>Response from the Leader of the County Council, Cllr Paul Marshall:</p> <p>I have referred the matter to the Cabinet Member for Adults Services (Cllr Amanda Jupp) and Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing (Cllr Bob Lanzer) and suggest that, as discussed at your meeting on 24 November 2021, that the topic be considered by the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board seems the most appropriate forum in the first instance as it comprises both elected councillors and key leaders from the health and social care system. This includes district and borough councils, the NHS, acute community and mental health trusts, and the voluntary and community sector, all working collaboratively to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents. It is clear from your Committee’s deliberations that this is a multi-agency effort. I have also passed the minutes</p>

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		<p>and recommendations from this discussion to Cabinet colleagues to consider if and how they can support and promote any initiatives relative to their portfolio areas.</p>
	<p>iv. Agreed that public messaging is being disseminated adequately across the expected communication channels and suggests that the service explores utilising public sector vehicles, town & parish noticeboards and GP surgeries.</p>	<p>The partnership in West Sussex will always seek to identify as many opportunities as possible to engage with our communities and to inform them of the support available to anyone seeking help. Our response to domestic abuse during the pandemic highlighted the need to raise awareness of support in a different way. Some of the ways in which we did this included advertising on 34 refuse vehicles and through the use of pharmacy bags. While it is difficult to evaluate the success of this, what we do know is that we have received positive comments from at least two members of the public who say that seeing the refuse vehicles prompted them to seek help. The campaign also received positive comments on social media and as a result of this positive feedback the advertisements remain on these vehicles. We will continue to develop our methods of engagement with the communities of West Sussex with all our partners including health providers, our fire and rescue service, local community groups and elected members.</p>
	<p>v. The Committee recommended that an all-member Member Development Session is held within the next one or two years to receive an update on the progress made and further challenges arising from SWSP's</p>	<p>Response from the Leader of the County Council, Cllr Paul Marshall:</p> <p>I wholeheartedly support the Committee's recommendation that an all-member</p>

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	arrangements for DSVAs.	development session is held at the appropriate time to receive an update on the Safer West Sussex Partnership's achievements and challenges, to further widen the reach of this important discussion.
Response from Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change – Cllr Deborah Urquhart		
Energy Strategy 2030	i. Agreed that the rationale for the chosen scenario is justified and therefore the best fit for the County.	Noted.
	ii. Agreed that the County Council's climate change priorities have evolved to a degree since its 2016 strategy in response to the ever-developing international and national landscape.	Noted.
	iii. Noted future concern of potential funding cuts to local authorities in recognition of the challenges faced by central government in balancing varying priorities.	Noted.
	iv. Agreed that the strategy is significantly ambitious and that its deliverability will need to be assessed following the provision of further detail about its implementation and at the conclusion of the consultation period in early 2022.	Noted.
Response from Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport – Cllr Joy Dennis		
Review of Community Traffic	i. Agreed that their preferred option is the rolling programme.	The support from CHESC to implement a rolling programme approach to community Traffic Regulation Orders is noted and welcomed. It will

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Regulation Orders (TROs)		be reflected in the Cabinet Member decision scheduled for January 2022.
	ii. Agreed that the existing number of five objections is a reasonable threshold at which the decision to proceed with a TRO would be referred to the Cabinet Member.	
	iii. Agreed that the new timeframes for delivering a community TRO are realistic.	