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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 NOVEMBER 2019

BRIEFING NOTE:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP – GANGS AND KNIFE CRIME

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned the Overview and Scrutiny Working Group to undertake comprehensive Scrutiny activity regarding gangs and knife crime
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Graham Walker (Chair); Councillor Jane Birch (Deputy Chair); Councillors Aziz, Lane and Russell.
- 1.3 The scope of the Review was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and evidence gathering has continued.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 The Working Group has held two evidence gathering meetings with further meetings scheduled. At its September 2019 meeting the Working Group received comprehensive responses to its core questions from a variety of key expert advisors. The Working Group also undertook a site visit to Free2 Talk and a Boxing Club to inform its evidence base, the findings of which will be reported to the Working Group at its November 2019 meeting.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol, the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the progress report is noted.