



Report to Scrutiny

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Subject of Report:	Panel Work Programme
Meeting:	Scrutiny Review Panel 1 – Violence Against Women and Girls 16 November 2017
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Brief:	This report sets out the panel’s updated work programme including any planned visits.
Recommendations:	The Panel is asked to agree the agenda items for the next meeting on 7 February 2018.

1. Panel Work Programme

The updated work programme is attached as **Appendix 1** for the Panel's consideration and agreement.

An updated work programme is presented at each Panel meeting. This allows the Panel, officers and others to know well in advance the topics of enquiry that will be addressed throughout the year and schedule items in to the work programme accordingly.

2. Visits

On Thursday 19 October, the Vice-chair of the Panel, Councillor Seema Kumar visited the Hestia Refuge located in the borough and was met by Seem Alsasa, Service Manager and Abigail Ampofo, Group Manager, Hestia Ealing and Harrow Domestic Abuse Service and was shown around the home. Councillor Kumar also met a service user who spoke about her experiences of living in the refuge and of trying to establish a life for herself and her children free from harm.

That afternoon the Chair, Councillor Joanna Camadoo, Councillor Seema Kumar and Councillor Kamaljit Kaur Nagpal visited Southall Black Sisters and heard from Pragna Patel, Director and Meena Patel, Operations Manager about the work they do to support women and children experiencing domestic and other forms of gender-related violence, and in particular work with women with complex needs. The councillors were shown around the SBS offices and met with the advocacy workers who told them about the cases they were currently working on.

3. Legal Implications

There are none arising directly from this report. The powers and duties of the Panel are set out in the Council Constitution.

4. Financial Implications

Support to the scrutiny panels is contained within allocated budgets. Value for money will be achieved through early and effective planning of the Panel's work programme.

5. Other Implications

There are none.

6. Background papers

Ealing Council's Constitution is available at [Council Constitution](#)

Scrutiny Review Panel 1 – 2017/2018: Violence Against Women and Girls – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at [Scrutiny Review Panel 1 - VAWG](#)

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Name	Department	Date sent	Date response received	Comments appear in report paragraph:
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Keith Fraser	Head of Democratic Services	06/11/17	06/11/17	
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Cllr Seema Kumar	Vice-Chair	17/10/17	17/10/17	

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