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### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**9 JANUARY 2020**

**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 not held an evidence gathering meeting since the November meeting of this Committee but there are further meetings scheduled.
- 2.2 Representatives of the Working Group attended a national Conference in relation to gangs and knife crime and they will report back to the January meeting of the Working Group.
- 2.3 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.

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