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### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**19 FEBRUARY 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 held an evidence gathering meeting since the January 2020 meeting of this Committee.
- 2.2 At this meeting the Working Group heard from a variety of expert advisors and received a comprehensive report regarding the National Conference – Gangs and Knife Crime. At the end of the meeting the Working Group watch a short film, produced by Free2Talk - 'Knives End Lives.'
- 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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