

Overview and Scrutiny's Task and Finish Group (TFG) Work Reports – Cover Report

1.0 Introduction and Summary

- 1.1 During the 2018/19 municipal year, three Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups (TFGs) have undertaken investigations into local provision with regards to a variety of services. The reports have been brought to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to promote the work of the TFGs and increase Members' awareness of different services in the borough, as well as approve them for referral to Cabinet.
- 1.2 Item 5b outlines the work of the 'Social Housing' TFG which was carried out by Councillor (Cllr) Gail Charlesworth (TFG Lead Member), Cllr Jeff Ennis, Cllr Gill Carr, Cllr Malcolm Clements, Cllr Joe Hayward, Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Cllr Kevin Williams and Cllr John Wilson. The group reviewed social housing provision in Barnsley and how challenges of supply and demand are being met; how tenancies and estates are managed by local social housing providers and whether the needs of our most vulnerable residents are being met. The group made a number of recommendations which are outlined in section 6 of the report.
- 1.3 As shown in Item 5c, the 'Substance Misuse' TFG was carried out by Councillor Gill Carr (TFG Lead Member), Cllr Jeff Ennis, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Wayne Johnson, Cllr Kath Mitchell, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Cllr Margaret Sheard, Cllr Sarah Tattersall and co-opted member Pauline Gould. The group undertook a review of substance misuse in Barnsley, with consideration for both adults and young people in relation to support services, prevention work, community safety and enforcement. Recommendations in relation to this work are outlined in section 6 of the report.
- 1.4 As shown in Item 5d, the 'Adult Mental Health Crisis Care' TFG was carried out by Councillor Paul Hand-Davis (TFG Lead Member), Cllr Jeff Ennis, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Cllr Neil Wright and co-opted member Mark Smith, Vice Chair of Healthwatch Barnsley. The group specifically considered service provision for those experiencing a mental health crisis and undertook a number of 'check and challenge' sessions with representatives from BMBC, local health care providers & commissioners, South Yorkshire Police and Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Recommendations regarding this work are outlined in section 6 of the report.

2.0 Background Papers

- Item 5b (attached) – Social Housing
- Item 5c (attached) – Substance Misuse
- Item 5d (attached) – Adult Mental Health Crisis Care Report

3.0 Officer Contact

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