



COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP TASK GROUP

Wednesday, 10th October, 2012

6.00 pm

Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 11 July 2012 to be submitted for signature.

4. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE IN WATFORD (Pages 1 - 2)**

Representatives from different agencies have been invited to attend and discuss domestic violence in Watford.

The briefing for the meeting is attached and includes questions for the guests to address.

Members may ask any further questions and draw conclusions on the topic.

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The latest government definition of domestic violence and abuse is:

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass, but is not limited to, the following types of abuse:

- *psychological*
- *physical*
- *sexual*
- *financial*
- *emotional*

“Controlling behaviour is: a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

“Coercive behaviour is: an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.”

** This definition, which is not a legal definition, includes so called 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriage, and is clear that victims are not confined to one gender or ethnic group.*

5. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 3 - 18)

The Task Group is asked to agree the work programme for the remainder of the municipal year.

The draft work programme is attached as are the outstanding proposals that the Task Group should consider.