

Draft Scope Document

Review Title: Modern Slavery (working title)

Responsible Committee: Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday 27th March 2017

| 1. Contact Information: | |
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| Panel Members: Councillors: Phillip Brightmore Christopher Carubia Julie McManus Christina Muspratt Tracey Pilgrim | Key Officers: Andrew Elkington, Assistant Director: Community Services Adam Evans, Graduate Officer Patrick Torpey, Scrutiny Officer Other Contacts: |
| 2. Review Aims: | |
| Wirral Plan Pledge/s: The primary pledge associated with this review is Wirral's Neighbourhoods Are Safe . Additional associated pledges: Reduce child and family poverty Vulnerable children reach their full potential Young people are ready for work and adulthood Children are ready for school Wirral residents live healthier lives | |
| Review Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To understand the implications of the Modern Slavery Act for Wirral Council and its partners.2. To review and assess the emerging best practice in this field to inform how the Modern Slavery Act may be implemented by Wirral Council and its partners.3. To review existing local arrangements with regard to the prevention and detection of modern slavery and the support services offered to victims. | |
| Scrutiny Outcomes: The Panel will present a series of recommendations designed to shape or influence Council policy on modern slavery. Members will hold the Council and its partners to account over the effectiveness of services in place to protect Wirral residents from modern slavery. Wirral Council becomes compliant with the provisions of the Modern Slavery Act and leads on efforts to tackle it locally. | |

3. Review Plan

Review Approach: Workshop, Evidence Day, Task and Finish?

Task and Finish. The review will be carried out via a series of evidence gathering sessions with expert witnesses, Wirral Council officers, partner organisations, local charities and voluntary organisations.

The Panel will also review a number of briefing papers, documents and publications from local and central government, government advisory bodies and leading charities in the modern slavery / human trafficking field.

Review Duration:

(2 to 3 months expected)

Scheduled Committee Report Date:

Interim Report to Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee – July 2017

Scheduled Cabinet Report Date:

To be confirmed

4. Sources of Evidence:

Key Witnesses (subject to availability):

Expert Witnesses

- City Hearts - Phill Clayton, Regional Director of City Hearts.
- University of Liverpool / Centre for the Study of International Slavery – Dr Alex Balch
- Local Government Information Unit / Local Government Association
- Relevant local authorities

Wirral Council and Partner Organisations

- Wirral Council – Safeguarding (Adults & Children)
- Wirral Council – Trading Standards
- Wirral Council – Private Sector Housing Team
- Merseyside PCC
- Merseyside Police – (Supt. Tracey Hayes, Safer Wirral Hub)
- Wirral Registered Social Landlords
- Fire Authority
- NHS
- Merseyrail

Voluntary and charitable organisations

- Barnardos
- Salvation Army
- Stop the Traffik
- Wirral Change

Supporting Papers / Documentation:

A number of briefing papers and supporting documentation will be reviewed by the panel, including:

[Briefing Note- Modern Slavery Act 2015 \(2\)](#)

[City Hearts, University of Liverpool Fresh Start Report](#)
[ATMG Hidden In Plain Sight executive summary](#)
[Human Trafficking Foundation Report](#)
[Salvation Army bulletin](#)
[Welsh Government Code of Practice – Ethical Employment in Supply Chains](#)

Involvement of service users / public:

Not applicable for this review

5. Key Communications:

Cabinet Member:

The scoping document will be shared with the relevant Cabinet Member.
The draft report will be discussed with the Cabinet Member in advance of being finalised by the Task & Finish Review Panel and prior to its presentation to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee for approval.

Press Office:

The scoping document and final report will be referred to the press office for information.