

Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Thursday 29th November 2018

REPORT TITLE:	MODERN SLAVERY
REPORT OF:	MEMBERS OF THE MODERN SLAVERY SCRUTINY REVIEW

REPORT SUMMARY

This report (included as Appendix 1) provides the findings and recommendations emanating from the Modern Slavery Scrutiny Review.

Members of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider the contents of this report and support the recommendations arising from this review.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Members of the Committee are requested to support the contents and recommendations of the Scrutiny Report, 'Modern Slavery';
2. The report be referred to the next appropriate Cabinet meeting;

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The Scrutiny Review report is subject to review by Members of the Committee and is required to be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 As part of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme, a Task & Finish Scrutiny Review on Modern Slavery was agreed. The Review Panel consisted of Cllrs. Chris Carubia, Christina Muspratt and Tom Usher.

3.2 It was agreed that Cllr Chris Carubia would be the Chair of the Panel. The review was conducted over a number of meetings held with relevant Council officers, attendance at Modern Slavery conferences and a review of briefing papers, documents and publications from other local authorities and public bodies.

3.3 The Review Panel's objectives in doing this work were to understand the implications of the Modern Slavery and the Act for Wirral Council and its partners and to present a series of recommendations designed to shape or influence Council policy on modern slavery.

3.4 This report provides a number of recommendations which the Review Panel believes will assist the Council in tackling Modern Slavery in Wirral.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

Not Applicable.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Modern Slavery Scrutiny Report
Appendix 2: Draft Modern Slavery Strategy

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date