

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Community Safety Committee – 30 January 2013****PERTH AND KINROSS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL
REPORT 2011-12****Report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care)****ABSTRACT**

This Report introduces the Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership Annual report 2011-12.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Community Safety Committee endorse the Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership Annual report 2011-12 as attached at Appendix I

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership is a multi-agency group with membership from the statutory and voluntary sector which include Tayside Police, Perth and Kinross Council, Perthshire Women's Aid, Rape Crisis Perth and Kinross, Scottish Prison Service and the Tayside Community Justice Authority. Its overarching aim is to encourage an integrated partnership approach to preventing violence against women, developing a comprehensive range of provision which supports and protects women, children and young people and takes account of and addresses the challenges arising from perpetrators of Violence against Women.
- 2.2 In 2010 the VAW Partnership has developed and published "Towards an Integrated Strategy - Addressing Violence Against Women 2010-13" to increase awareness of the issues involved and drive forward an action plan to address them. At its meeting of 27 October 2010 the Community Safety Committee endorsed this document – Report 10/542 refers.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

- 3.1 The VAW Partnership has produced a short annual report highlighting some of the developments against their priorities and this is attached at Appendix I.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership were consulted in the preparation of this report.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. The relevant three objectives are as follows:-

- (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
- (ii) Healthy, Caring Communities
- (v) Confident, Active and Inclusive Communities

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

- 7.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

- 7.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

- i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA

8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).

- 8.2 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Violence against women is a major societal issue which is recognised at both national and international level and denies women and girls the most fundamental of human rights: life, liberty, integrity, freedom of movement and dignity of the person. The Perth and Kinross Violence against Women Partnership seeks to encourage understanding of violence against women from an equalities and human rights perspective and is committed to challenging and addressing the many issues arising.

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