

DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY

Report of the Head of Housing Management & Housing Options

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Derby Homes Domestic Abuse Policy has been reviewed following its introduction 3 years ago; the changes to the policy are highlighted in yellow. There are no significant changes, the main changes relate to changes within partnerships, internal structures and in order to provide up to date statistics.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To agree the minor changes to the policy.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The policy works well and is fit for purpose.
- 3.2 Derby Homes works in partnership with other agencies to ensure that Derby Homes tenants receive a coordinated service where domestic abuse is identified as a factor. There is now a dedicated person within the Complex Needs team who understands the issues that victims face and has a good relationship with partner agencies. She is able to carry out a risk assessment with tenants and ensures that those at most risk are referred to a multi-agency risk assessment conference.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 During 2016 we made 8 referrals of high risk cases to the multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference, since introducing the dedicated resource in 2017 we had made 10 referrals by the end of April. This evidences that we are heading in the right direction and there is clearly a need for a focussed approach to domestic abuse.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None necessary

IMPLICATIONS

6. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The policy complies with the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act.

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Derby Homes will provide a service to any Derby Homes tenants experiencing Domestic abuse that accepts support. The worker will assist them with their housing and help them to access other services.

8. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct health and safety implications. Any identified will be managed as part of the risk assessment.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The risk to victims is managed through a risk assessment process. There is more risk to Derby Homes of not having a robust policy in place.

10. POLICY REVIEW IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 This is a key policy of Derby Homes and is included in the Key Policy Review Schedule. In accordance with Derby Homes Board Minute 10/51 this policy will be reviewed no later than 3 years from the date of this meeting.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

Consultation
Financial and Business Plan
Council
Personnel
Environmental

If Board Members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact:

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