

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	17th July 2025 7pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
FROM	Chief Officer David McGifford		
TITLE	Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Strategy Consultation		
BACKGROUND	<p>Domestic and sexual violence are among the most prevalent violent crimes in Cheshire East and Congleton, and a high priority for Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire East Council. In Congleton an incident of Domestic Abuse is reported to the Police every day, on average.</p> <p>There is a Domestic Abuse Helpline available to Congleton Residents (0300 123 5101) and a Survivors' Peer Support Group provided by myCWA meets monthly in Congleton.</p>		
CURRENT SITUATION	<p>The Cheshire East Domestic and Sexual Abuse Partnership Board (CEDSAP) has been working on a new Domestic Abuse Strategy for Cheshire East and this is now out for Consultation until 25th July.</p> <p>The Vision of the Strategy is:</p> <p>To work towards ending domestic abuse, sexual violence and violence against women and girls, and ensure that the people of Cheshire East can live safe, equal and harm-free lives, in homes and neighbourhoods without abuse.</p> <p>The strategy will focus on building a stronger system to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on prevention • Trauma-informed service provision for victims, children and perpetrators • Partnership and collaboration • Accountability and Learning <p>The desired outcomes of the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheshire East has a coordinated, trauma-informed, and data-driven system that supports victims, holds perpetrators accountable, and prevents abuse. • Cheshire East has a culture that challenges misogyny, promotes healthy relationships, and prevents abuse before it starts. • All victims of abuse and those who harm in Cheshire East, have access to a range of safe, appropriate support options that support recovery and independence, including safe accommodation. • Services seek to continuously improve, based on learning from those with lived experience, anyone affected by abuse and all serious incidents. <p>The principles underlining the strategy are</p>		

	<p>Trauma-informed practice: All services will be designed and delivered with an understanding of trauma and its impact.</p> <p>Co-production: Services will be shaped with those who have lived experience.</p> <p>Equality and inclusion: A commitment to addressing the needs of marginalised communities and those with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Prevention-focused: Emphasis on early intervention and education to stop abuse before it starts.</p> <p>Partnership and collaboration: Multi-agency working is central to delivering effective support and systemic change.</p> <p>Accountability and learning: Continuous improvement through learning from reviews, data, and feedback.</p> <p>Councillors and members of the public can read and comment on the full strategy on the Cheshire East Council Website.</p>
Financial Implications	None for CTC
Environmental Implications	None
Equality and Diversity Impact	Domestic abuse and sexual violence are causes and consequences of inequality. Combating these will lead to a more inclusive and safer community.
PROPOSAL	To note the report. Councillors and members of the public are encouraged to respond to the consultation by 25th July .