



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

SUBJECT:

Tackling Domestic Abuse- The White Ribbon Campaign

PURPOSE OF ATTACHED REPORT:

To seek approval for the Council to submit an application to become an accredited White Ribbon Council as part of its ongoing commitment to tackling domestic abuse.

DELEGATED DECISION (Date):

It is recommended that:

- The Service Director for Public Health & Protection be authorised to submit an action plan to the White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) in support of the Council's application for accreditation.

Chief Officer Signature

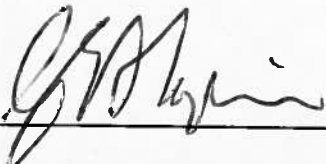
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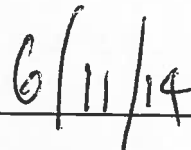
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The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution



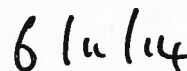
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OFFICER CONSULTEE SIGNATURE



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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014/2015: REPORT TO ACCOMPANY DECISION OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

<p style="text-align: center;">Tackling Domestic Abuse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The White Ribbon Campaign</p>

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the Council to submit an application to become an accredited White Ribbon Council as part of its ongoing commitment to tackling domestic abuse.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- The Service Director for Public Health & Protection be authorised to submit an action plan to the White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) in support of the Council's application for accreditation.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The White Ribbon Award helps Councils to demonstrate their commitment to reducing domestic violence. The aims of the White Ribbon Campaign are to :-

- ~~Involve men and boys in prevention activities.~~ By mobilising men the anti-violence against women & girls (VAWG) message increases in effectiveness and reach.
- Address and alter social norms that lead to violent behaviour against women
- Increase awareness of the issue and provide services aimed at reducing the incidence of domestic violence.
- Mobilise the entire local community under the goal of ending violence against women and girls.

3.2 The benefits of receiving White Ribbon accreditation are as follows:

- White Ribbon Campaign accreditation publicly recognises the Council's commitment to ending violence against women and girls. The Council can use the internationally recognised WRC logo on materials produced to combat violence against women.
- Access to materials, information and support from the WRC that will support the authority's own development of an anti-violence against women and girls strategy.
- The WRC accreditation provides evidence that the Council is carrying out its Public Equality Duty for employees and service users [Equality Act 2010]
- Access to the networks and contacts that the WRC has developed to further their goal of ending violence against women and girls.
- The process of gaining the WRC accreditation provides a focus for developing a campaign that can reach men and boys with the message that violence against women and girls is unacceptable.
- The production of an action plan can support longer term planning and WRC can maintain momentum by supporting the authority in implementing this.

3.3 The costs associated with White Ribbon accreditation are as follows:

- The cost of an application for accreditation is £400.
- An optional White Ribbon Campaign plaque can also be ordered from WRC upon request at a cost of £150.
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3.4 In support of its application the Council will need to prepare and deliver an action plan to demonstrate how it will fulfil its commitment to involve men and boys in ending violence against women and boys. The action plan is presented at Appendix I.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 In making an application to the White Ribbon Campaign the Council is making a further public commitment to ending violence against women and girls. Tackling domestic abuse remains a key priority for the Council and its strategic partners and supporting the White Ribbon Campaign is consistent with the aims of the Single Integrated Plan.

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Actions to undertake	Current Position	Milestones	Responsible Officer	Evidence	Completion date (if apt)	WRC Comments
General						
Appoint a senior officer responsible for leading the development and implementation of WRC activities and liaising with WRC-UK	Elected Member with Portfolio for DA exists	Establish WRC champion for RCT	Louise Thomas DA coordinator	Champion appointed	October 2014	
Recruit Ambassadors through the Corporate Management Team	Service Director Public Health and Protection has agreed to undertake this task	Establish ambassadors for RCT	Paul Mee Service Director PHP	List of Ambassadors	December 2014	
Conduct a survey of attitudes in respect of violence against women in the local community	Initial links to be made with Community Engagement Officers to discuss proposal	Construction of Questionnaire Public Consultation Analysis of Questionnaire responses and Report	Janine Thomas/Carl Harris Community engagement officers	Copies of Questionnaires Analysis report	January 2015	

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Access to information						
Implement a domestic abuse policy for all council staff	Updated Policy in existence, DA Link Staff need to be identified and policy training rolled out to managers	Identify link staff Produce policy training schedule	Louise Thomas/Dilys Jovenat DA Coordinator and Team Manager Equality and Diversity	List of nominated DA Link Staff No of Managers/relevant staff receiving policy training	April 2015 April 2016	
Ensure all relevant council staff are given the opportunity to access domestic abuse training	Programme of DA/SV Training in existence, delivered via Safeguarding Training Calendar	Liaise with RCT Training department in relation to promoting DASV training sessions	Louise Thomas/Ann Evans DA Coordinator and Team Manager IDVA Service	No/type of training sessions No of training attendees List of agencies in attendance	Ongoing	
Target male orientated departments to receive awareness raising sessions	Once selected Ambassadors to assist in the identification of priority areas for awareness sessions	Identify the sections for priority awareness raising	Louise Thomas/Ann Evans DA Coordinator and Team Manager IDVA Service	No of Awareness raising sessions delivered No of attendees	Commencing Jan 2015	
Provide all council staff with access to information	Multi agency DA/SV training/RCT DA section of website/One Stop Shop	Utilise RCTCBC Twitter account to raise awareness of relevant annual events	Sian Hickman Media Manager	Tweets No/type of training sessions No of training attendees	Commencing Dec 2014	

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	website currently available. Posters/leaflets for local DA services	Implement DASV workplace policy Publicise White Ribbon Ambassadors		List of agencies in attendance		
Actions to undertake	Current Position RCTCBCs website includes information on DA/SV and includes a link to the RCT IDVA Service/One Stop Shop website	Milestones Ensure that the website is kept up to date with all relevant information	Responsible Officer Louise Thomas/RCT website team/Sian Hickman DA Coordinator and Media Manager	Evidence www.rct.gov.uk www.famouspeople.rct.co.uk	Completion date (if apt) Ongoing	WRC Comments
Celebrate the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 th Nov) which is also White Ribbon Day	Initiate discussions in relation to co-ordinating an event to mark the 25 th Nov	Conference event arranged	Louise Thomas/Partner organisations DA Coordinator	Event programme List of agencies involved No of attendees	Nov 2014	
Support Services						
Sustain delivery of a voluntary perpetrator	Pilot of Programme currently being	Evaluation of programme reported to	Commissioning Group	Programme Evaluation Summary	April 2015	

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programme to challenge and change Adult perpetrator behaviour	delivered in RCT	Commissioning Group	Commissioning Group Meeting Minutes			
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Support Services						
Pilot delivery of voluntary perpetrator programme to challenge and change behaviour/attitude of young males	5 day train the trainer course scheduled for September 2014	Source referrals for pilot programme Produce schedule & agree facilitation for programme Evaluate Programme	Louise Thomas/Co-facilitator/Commissioning Group DA Coordinator .	Programme Evaluation Summary Commissioning Group Meeting Minutes		
Commit to ongoing provision of No Violence=Good Health Programme for those children aged 4-6 who have witnessed DA within their families	No Violence=Good Health Programme currently being delivered in RCT	Issue of ongoing delivery taken to Commissioning group for discussion	Commissioning Group	Commissioning Group Meeting Minutes	April 2015	

