



Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee - 17 June 2021

## Domestic Homicide Reviews

<b>Purpose:</b>	To highlight the Domestic Homicide Review Process in Swansea
<b>Link to Well-being Objective:</b>	Stronger Communities
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) The Joint Committee support the overall approach and proposals outlined in this paper

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The requirement to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) was established on a statutory basis in 2011, under Section 9 of the Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act (2004). The Act makes it a requirement for the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in the area where 'the victim was normally resident', or where 'the victim was last known to have frequented', to initiate and undertake a DHR.

### 2. Main body of report

2.1 Appendix A outlines the approach being taken in Swansea to meet the Domestic Homicide Review statutory requirement and reflects the commitment of statutory and voluntary organisations to learn lessons from the tragic deaths of victims of domestic violence and abuse.

2.2 It is important to highlight that there is a cost associated with the commissioning of a DHR and the final report. These costs need to be shared equally across the statutory partners that constitute the Safer Swansea Partnership, being Swansea Council, Swansea University Health Board, South Wales Police, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service and National Probation Service.

2.3 The cost of commissioning a DHR and report is circa £8000.

### **3. Next steps/ Actions**

3.1 Joint Committee support the overall approach and proposals discussed and the DHR process.

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**Appendices:** Appendix A – Draft Domestic Homicide Review Process in Swansea