

Appendix A

Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on 16 January 2024 concerning the DAHA Accreditation and Domestic Abuse Review Group Update. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agree?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1) That the Council investigates and assesses the adequacy and clarity of the support and signposting provided to victims and survivors of domestic abuse housed in safe and/or temporary accommodation.	In Part	Concerns were raised about the safety of people fleeing domestic abuse in temporary accommodation and hotel settings. This area will be investigated but not sanctuary or refuge accommodation.
2) That the Council proactively lobbies Central Government based on the horrific lived experiences of Oxford residents, stressing the urgent need for additional resources to support the Council in meeting its new statutory obligations relating to domestic abuse.	Agree	This is a Member-led activity.
3) That the Council ensures that the lived experiences of children are captured and addressed by the Council through its domestic abuse work.	Agree	Data on children is captured through HClick, which includes those temporarily housed in bed/breakfast and our temporary housing stock.
4) That the Council delivers domestic abuse training annually to Members going forward and appoints a Member as Domestic Abuse Champion.	In Part	A wide range of domestic abuse training courses are available through the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) website. Officers will review if a Member course is also needed and the addition of a Member Domestic Abuse Champion.

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