

Walsall Council Overview & Scrutiny Working Group
Initiation Document

Work Group Name:	Resilient Communities Working Group
Committee:	Scrutiny Overview Committee
Municipal Year:	2019/20
Lead Member:	Cllr Nawaz
Lead Officer:	Paul Gordon
Support Officer:	Craig Goodall
Membership:	Cllr Murray Cllr Samra Cllr Shires
Co-opted Members:	None

1.	Context
	<p>The Walsall Proud Programme is seeking transformational change by creating Resilient Communities. Cabinet approved a model on 23 October 2019. The model has four components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling and supporting people to have personal responsibility; • Community led solutions; • Integrated services for the delivery of support to communities • Integrated enforcement <p>Cabinet also decided to replace Strategic Locality Partnership Boards with Community Forums to be delivered by a voluntary and community sector partner. An Innovation Fund will also be created to support community development.</p> <p>The Resilient Communities Working Group was established by the Scrutiny Overview Committee at a special meeting on 13 January 2020.</p>
2.	Objectives
	<p>What do you want it to achieve? It is important to have clearly defined outcomes at the start to give the working group direction and ensure it adds value.</p> <p>The working group wishes to gain clarity on the following aspects of the Resilient Communities model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall budget; • Effect of the new model on staff and responsibilities; • How will social capital be built? • How will capacity be created in the third sector? • What will the role of Elected Members be at community forums? • How will a third sector provider support community forums? • How will issues at a strategic level be dealt with and discussed at community level? • Where do partners fit in the model? • How will community views influence the direction of funding and resources?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Innovation Fund? What is it for and how will it be allocated? • Understand what community assets exist in Walsall.
3.	Scope
	<p>What should be included and excluded?</p> <p>The focus of the working group will be on overall vision for the Resilient Communities Model, the support provided to local communities, the development and role of community forums, the allocation of funding and resources and role of partners.</p>
4.	Equalities Implications
	<p>There is a legal and moral obligation to ensure that, when undertaking a scrutiny review, the impact of policies; procedures; strategies and activities is considered within the 6 strands of equality (Age, Disability, Gender, Race, Religion or Belief, and Sexual Orientation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the working group consult with each of these six groups regarding this review and its outcomes? • If an EIA has been carried out for this service\policy then what were its outcomes? Can this be mapped into the review? If no EIA has been carried out by the service is one required and can this be reported to the working group? <p>Throughout its investigation the working group will ensure that residents with protected characteristics are not disadvantaged by any proposal in the development of the Resilient Communities model.</p>
4.	Who else will you want to take part?
	<p>Think about who else, other than lead officers and members, it would be useful to include either as part of the working group or to bring information at specific points. For example- partners, stakeholders, other authorities.</p> <p>Portfolio Holder for Communities, Leisure and Culture One Walsall Community Association Network Frank F Harrison Community Association Brownhills Community Association Streetly Community Association West Midlands Police Clinical Commissioning Group Council Assets Team Locality Managers Walsall For All</p>

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5.	Timescales & Reporting Schedule									
	<p>Needs to be completed within the same municipal year and so should be able to report to full panel by the last meeting at the latest but consider the subject- is there anything else that it may need to tie into (e.g. academic or financial year or to coincide with national/sub-regional developments)</p> <p>How often will update be provided to full panel?</p> <p>10 March 2020 – Working Group Terms of Reference to SOC</p> <p>28 April 2020 – Final report and recommendations to SOC</p>									
6.	Risk factors									
	<p>Are there any obstacles that can be predicted? For example, is it dependent on other organisations outside your control and duty to cooperate? Identifying these factors early and how they will be mitigated should help minimise their impact.</p> <table><tr><th>Risk</th><th>Likelihood</th><th>Measure to Resolve</th></tr><tr><td>Short life span of working group</td><td>HIGH</td><td>Schedule of meetings organised.</td></tr><tr><td>Witnesses unavailable to attend on working group dates</td><td>HIGH</td><td>Substitutions and written submissions to be accepted.</td></tr></table>	Risk	Likelihood	Measure to Resolve	Short life span of working group	HIGH	Schedule of meetings organised.	Witnesses unavailable to attend on working group dates	HIGH	Substitutions and written submissions to be accepted.
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Date Agreed:		Date Updated:	
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Timetable:

Date	Activity
25 February 2020	<u>Part 1</u> - up to 45mins Cllr Perry <u>Part 2</u> - up to 45mins Community Associations listed plus Bloxwich Community Partnership and Black Sisters <u>Part 3</u> – up to 30 minutes One Walsall
12 March 2020	<u>Part 1</u> – up to 45 minutes Police CCG <u>Part 2</u> – up to 45 minutes Locality Managers <u>Part 3</u> – up to 30 minutes Walsall For All
25 March 2020	Review evidence and formulate conclusions and recommendations
Report(s)	Assets