

Committee(s)	Dated:
Safer City Partnership Group	23 September 2016
Subject: Case Review Following a Serious Incident: conclusion	Public
Report of: David MacKintosh Community Safety Manager	For Decision

Summary

In October 2015 a City resident died whilst in a relationship. The victim was also an employee of the Corporation. Due to the nature of the incident the City of London Police launched an investigation.

Using the definition and guidance set by the Home Office the decision was made by the Chairman of the SCP to initiate a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR).

The protocol for a DHR ceased to apply in June 2016 and the name of the Panel changed to Case Review Following a Serious Incident.

The Committee are asked to:

- a) Read the Case Review Following a Serious Incident report
- b) Agree the action plan for implementing learning from the Review, detailed in Appendix 1
- c) Review and sign off the DHR toolkit for how SCP agencies will respond in the tragic event of a domestic homicide, detailed in Appendix 2.

Main Report

1. The Review began on 23 February 2016. There were subsequent meetings on 19 April 2016 and 16 June 2016.
2. At the Panel meeting on 16 June 2016, City of London Police informed the Chair and Panel members that the individual who had been subject to criminal investigation had been released from bail, and charges would not be made against any individual in relation to the victim's death. As a result the Domestic Homicide Review process was closed.
3. In July 2016, the Review Panel changed the name of the Panel to Case Review Following a Serious Incident, after charges of murder were dropped.
4. As the Panel had already identified clear learning outcomes through a draft of the Overview Report, Panel members decided to continue with the Review and extract the learning recommendations.

5. The Review Panel meetings concluded in August 2016 with the Case Review report written independently by an Associate DHR Chair from Standing Together Against Domestic Violence.
6. The report will be the responsibility of the Safer City Partnership. An action plan has been created from the recommendations, outlined in Appendix 1. The action plan will be integrated into the City of London Domestic Abuse Forum Strategic Action Plan for delivery.
7. Progress on the action plan will be reported to the Safer City Partnership within six months of being approved by the Partnership.
8. The report will be available for members to read by appointment, arranged with the Head of Community Safety.

DHR Toolkit

9. Alongside the Case Review Following a Serious Incident Report, the Committee have been presented with a reviewed and renewed Safer City Partnership DHR Toolkit.
10. The Toolkit is for all agencies in the Safer City Partnership to sign up to, and follow, in the event of a Domestic Homicide.
11. Members of the Safer City Partnership are to be made fully aware of the initial process outlined in the toolkit.
12. This focuses on City of London Police informing the Assistant Town Clerk, in their capacity of Director of Community Safety, of an incident within 24 hours to enable the Chair of the Safer City Partnership to be briefed for making the decision on whether to conduct a Domestic Homicide Review.

Decisions

13. The Committee are asked to:
 - a) Read the Case Review Following a Serious Incident Executive Summary
 - b) Agree the action plan for implementing learning from the Review, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report
 - c) Review and sign off the DHR toolkit for how SCP agencies will respond in the tragic event of a domestic homicide, detailed in Appendix 2.

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