

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

TITLE OF THE DECISION :- WOMEN'S SAFETY CHARTER

Date	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision	Alternative Options Considered	Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer)	Consultation with relevant Ward Member(s) Yes/No	Subject to Call-in? Yes/No
August 2026	Portfolio Holder for Assets & Community Safety – Cllr Peter Kotz and Portfolio Holder for Partnerships – Cllr Gina Placey	The Assets and Community Safety Portfolio Holder and the Partnerships Portfolio Holders formally approve Tendring District Council's sign-up to the Charter.	The Tendring District Women's Safety Charter is a preventative, community safety initiative designed to improve how safe women and girls feel in public spaces. Safety Charters have been introduced in several areas of the UK since 2021, many with an initial focus on the night-time economy. Tendring's Charter takes a broader approach by recognising the needs of women and girls living, working and travelling in more rural communities. For the year ending December 2025, 3,529 VAWG offences were recorded by police in Tendring District. Of these, 328 occurred in public spaces. Police data shows a reduction in these offences over the previous 12 months; however, recorded crime only reflects incidents reported to the police. In 2024/25, Tendring District recorded 4,931 VAWG offences, including domestic abuse. It is also recognised that police-recorded data does not	- Taking no action to roll out the Women's Safety Charter would mean that the Council and the Community Safety Partnership do not support the Government's plan to tackle violence against women and girls, or the priorities of both the Council and the Community Safety Partnership. - Not supporting this work would therefore be inconsistent with the current priorities of both the Council and the Community	None	N/A	Yes

			capture the full prevalence of violence against women and girls, as these offences are significantly underreported across the UK. A Women's Safety Charter depends on collaboration and commitment from a wide range of partners. Its aims must be shared across the District and delivered in partnership with local community groups, policing teams, education providers, leisure facilities, retail settings and other relevant organisations.	Safety Partnership.			
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URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to "Agreement to Decision" below):-

GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES? (Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee?	YES/NO
SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	YES/NO
EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	YES/NO
URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, why is it not practical to convene a quorate meeting of full Council?	
		If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	YES/NO

AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-

Signed:- Cllr. Peter Kotz (by email)..... <i>Peter Kotz</i>..... Cllr. Gina Placey (by email) ... <i>Gina Placey</i>..... Decision Maker	Date:- 28/08/26..... 26/08/26.....	Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):- <i>Part 3.34 Overall strategic responsibility of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder for (1) Partnerships – Community Safety Partnership, and Crime and Disorder Strategy and (2) Corporate Enforcement – Corporate Enforcement Strategy)</i> <i>Part 4.2.2 – Responsibility to make decisions (item 8)</i>
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