

	<h2>Community Leadership Committee</h2> <h3>15 March 2018</h3>
Title	Member’s Item referred from Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding.
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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<h3>Summary</h3>
This item provides the Community Leadership Committee with information relating to a Members item referred from the Children, Education, Safeguarding and Libraries Committee.
<h3>Recommendations</h3>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Committee note the Members item and instructions in relation to the item are requested. 2. That the Committee note the verbal update from Officers on the issue.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

At its meeting on the 16th January 2018, the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee referred a Members item submitted by Councillor Anne Hutton on International Zero Tolerance to FGM. The Members item requested an update on details of work that has taken place over the last year to raise awareness of and tackle this issue in Barnet.

Councillor	Member's Item
Anne Hutton	<p data-bbox="614 607 1500 645">International Zero Tolerance to FGM Day 2018</p> <p data-bbox="614 689 1500 907">Data published by the NHS / NSPCC shows that there were 50 cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Barnet recorded by the NHS between April 2015-March 2016. More recent data published by the NHS shows a further 15 cases in Barnet were recorded between October 2016-December 2016.</p> <p data-bbox="614 952 1500 1131">FGM is an illegal practice that causes physical and emotional harm, and can result in death. According to the World Health Organisation FGM is mostly carried out on young girls between infancy and age 15, and is therefore a key safeguarding issue for the CELS committee.</p> <p data-bbox="614 1176 1500 1265">Although there have been far fewer cases of FGM recorded in Barnet than in neighbouring boroughs, 65 cases is still 65 cases too many.</p> <p data-bbox="614 1310 1500 1422">I request that the CELS Committee is updated with details of what work has taken place over the last year to raise awareness of and tackle this issue in Barnet.</p> <p data-bbox="614 1467 1500 1680">As the International Zero Tolerance to FGM Day takes place on 1 February 2018, I also request that the CELS Committee considers what support LB Barnet could give towards establishing an annual event in partnership with Health, Schools, the Police and the Voluntary Sector to mark this day, with the first one taking place on 1 February this year.</p>

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Members of the Council, Article 2) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be within the term of reference of the decision-making body which will consider the item.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.