

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 19th November 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director –Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: GLAA Presentation

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To give the Board information about the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA), whose Head of Prevention, Paul Elms, will be attending the meeting to give a presentation about their work.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Modern Slavery Act 2015 introduced requirements for law enforcement agencies, working in partnership with other agencies, to pursue, disrupt and bring to justice those engaged in human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced labour. It also introduced a range of measures to enhance the protection of victims.
- 3.2 The Act is designed to combat modern slavery in the UK and consolidates previous offences relating to trafficking and slavery. The act extends to England and Wales, and received Royal Assent and became law on 26 March 2015.
- 3.3 The GLAA works in partnership to protect vulnerable and exploited workers. They are a Non Departmental Public Body (NDPB) governed by an independent Board made up of a chair and six members, who were recruited for their respective knowledge, experience and skills.
- 3.4 Their role is to protect vulnerable and exploited workers. Through the intelligence they receive from their inspections, the public, industry and other government departments, they investigate reports of worker exploitation and illegal activity such as human trafficking, forced labour and illegal labour provision, as well as offences under the National Minimum Wage and Employment Agencies Acts.
- 3.5 They investigate all aspects of labour exploitation in England and Wales but also work with partner organisations such as the police, the National

Crime Agency and other government law enforcement agencies to target, dismantle and disrupt serious and organised crime across the UK.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None specifically identified.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **None specifically identified.**

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None specifically identified.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None specifically identified.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None specifically identified.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None specifically identified.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None specifically identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None specifically identified.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None specifically identified.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.