

Appendix B

Proposed Support Payment Scheme: Consultation statement

Introduction and background

This statement sets out the consultation approach on the proposed Support Payment Scheme (SPS). It outlines who will be consulted, how and when to inform the scheme proposal.

Islington survivors of non-recent abuse legitimately expect a process of consultation on a proposed scheme because of the direct impact on them. A consultation must be fair and meaningful.

Consultation format and approach

The Council will consult on:

- Guiding principles for the scheme
- Eligibility of who would be able to apply to the scheme
- The evidence requirements for payments
- Arrangements for making an application and scheme length
- How the scheme might be delivered including equalities issues that need to be considered

Engagement and participation in the consultation will be encouraged from survivors and key individuals or organisations, including those working with or representing, survivors. Views and feedback will be welcomed on the scheme.

Consultees will be given time to respond and their responses need to be conscientiously taken into account. They will be provided with a copy of the draft Scheme and the reasoning behind its terms and invited to provide comments or suggestions in relation to it within a period of six weeks. The Council will give due consideration to all comments received and confirm the points to accept, reject or for further consideration if necessary. The responses will be used to inform any further amendments to the proposal.

To reduce barriers to taking part, and further encourage participation to a fair consultation, responses will be collected via written or verbal feedback. It is suggested that a verbal feedback approach is offered to those who may find it challenging to complete the consultation response form. The feedback sessions will be conducted by those with independence and expertise in engaging with survivors. Ethical principles such as ensuring confidentiality and anonymity, minimising the impact of harm on those throughout the consultation and respect for individuals through informed consent and the use of language will be embedded.

The Council Executive will then be asked to consider the comments received during the consultation and adopt the proposed scheme in Autumn 2021.