



Report to:	Cabinet	28 September 2023
Lead Cabinet Member:	Cllr Bridget Smith (Leader)	
Lead Officer:	Peter Campbell (Head of Housing and Safeguarding Lead)	

Modern Slavery Statement 2023-24

Executive Summary

1. This report presents Cabinet with the Modern Slavery Statement for the 2023-24 financial year. This sets out actions and steps the Council is taking to understand, prevent and act against modern slavery and human trafficking.

Key Decision

2. No

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Cabinet:
 - a) Review and approve the Modern Slavery Statement contained at **Appendix A**.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. To ensure that the Council meets its statutory duty to publish an annual statement detailing the actions being taken to tackle modern slavery, in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Details

5. Full details are provided within the Modern Slavery Statement, located at **Appendix A**.
6. A small number of additions have been made to the statement since last year, including reference to:
 - International resettlement schemes
 - The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (C&PICS)
 - Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation, achieved in 2022-23
 - The Serious Violence Duty - a statutory duty across a range of organisations to work together to reduce and prevent serious violence in the area

- Additional data relating to taxi licensing, welfare checks and referral data for previous years

7. Updated statistics and examples have also been provided.

Implications

8. In the writing of this report, take any implications into account, such as financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues.

Legal – in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, we are required to produce a slavery and human trafficking statement each financial year.

Equality and Diversity – an Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken. This identifies groups of people who are more likely to be at risk of Modern Slavery and has informed the development of the statement itself.

Consultation responses

9. Consultation has taken place with relevant SCDC service areas including members of the Housing, Procurement, Communities, Licensing and Internal Audit teams.

Appendices

Appendix A: Modern Slavery Statement 2023-24

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