

West Berkshire Domestic Abuse Board

Terms of Reference

1 Introduction

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (“the Act”), at Part 4 generally and section 58 specifically, requires a “relevant local authority” (which term includes West Berkshire Council (“WBC”)) to appoint a *domestic abuse local partnership board* for the purposes of providing advice to the authority about certain functions and aspects of domestic abuse.

2 The Board

The West Berkshire Domestic Abuse Board (“the Board”) shall be the WBC domestic abuse local partnership board constituted under the Act and shall be responsible for the following:

- compliance with the requirements of the Act so far as they pertain to WBC as set out in the Scheme of Delegation within the WBC Constitution, including:
 - the provision of support to victims of domestic abuse and their children within accommodation based domestic abuse services;
 - issuing an annual report to the Secretary of State;
- operational and strategic functions under the shared vision within the West Berkshire Domestic Abuse Strategy ‘*For individuals, families and children in West Berkshire to live freely from Domestic Abuse*’;
- any other matter relating to domestic abuse as the Board shall decide.

The Board, through the Chairman, shall be accountable to WBC via (in turn) the West Berkshire Building Communities Together Partnership (“BCTP”), the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board Steering Group, and the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board (“HWB”).

3 Membership

Membership of the Board shall include the following or their representatives:

- West Berkshire Council
- Housing Registered Providers
- Thames Valley Police
- Criminal Justice and Probation Services
- Domestic Abuse Services
- Healthcare Providers
- The Voluntary Sector
- Substance Misuse Providers

- Victims of Domestic Abuse and Children of Domestic Abuse victims (or specialist practitioners on their behalf).

The WBC Executive Director, People shall be Chairman of the Board and the senior representative of Thames Valley Police on the Board shall be Vice-Chairman.

A detailed list of current Board members will be found on the WBC website.

4 Approval and Review

These Terms of Reference were agreed by the Board on 17 June 2021 and confirmed by the HWB on 22 July 2021.

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed on a regular basis.