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JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on

Monday 24 MARCH 2025

Council CHAMBER COUNCIL OFFICES MARKET STREET NEWBURY

Present: Councillors Nick Allen, Iskandar Jefferies, Justin Pemberton, Cherise Welch and Howard Woollaston

Also Present: Rosalynd Gater (Team Manager - Commercial), George Lawrence (Team Manager - Residential), Sean Murphy (Service Lead - Public Protection) April Peberdy (Service Director - Community Services), Damian James (Bracknell Forest Council), Stephen Chard (Democratic Services Manager), Steve Ruddy (Lead Officer for the Peer Review) and Narinder Brar (Wokingham Borough Council)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Jeremy Cottam

PART I

1 Outstanding issues from previous meetings

It was noted that the remaining item related to an annual report and an ongoing piece of work. The vaping report was included on this agenda and the Service was regularly posting information about under age sales activity on its social media platforms and providing information on its web pages.

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record signed by the Chairman.

4 Notice of Public Speaking and Questions

No public questions were received which related either to a general issue concerned with the work of the Public Protection Partnership or to an item on the agenda.

5 Forward Plan

Members were informed that the Quarter Four performance report, to be considered at the June meeting, would include a discussion on key performance indicators for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

6 Outcome of the Public Protection Partnership Peer Review

The Committee considered the report (Agenda Item 7) which set out the findings of the peer review of the Public Protection Partnership Service in terms of input, output, delivery, resources, governance, structure and value for money.

RESOLVED that:

- The Committee were informed of the outcome of the review.
- A report would be brought back to the June 2025 meeting setting out a response to the recommendations and proposals in respect of recommissioning the service by the partner authorities.

7 Public Protection Partnership Service Update and Q3 Report for 2024/25

The Committee considered the report (Agenda Item 8) which provided an update on the performance of the Public Protection Partnership (PPP), in line with the operating model and business plan, and provided an update setting out performance during the third quarter of 2024/25.

RESOLVED that the Committee were informed about:

- The 2024/25 Q3 data for the Public Protection Service.
- The update on service delivery.

8 Tobacco and Vaping Controls

The Committee considered the report (Agenda Item 9) which set out the current work conducted by the Public Protection Service in relation to the regulation of tobacco and vaping products, and to advise the Committee on the implications of the Tobacco and Vaping Bill currently progressing through Parliament.

RESOLVED that:

- The Committee were informed about the work being conducted by the Public Protection Service with respect to the regulation of tobacco and vaping products.
- The Committee were informed about the implications of the new legislation (Tobacco and Vapes Bill) proposed and duties on the shared service Councils.
- The Committee will receive an update report on implementation and delivery at its meeting in December 2025.

9 Water Safety Partnership Annual Report (Review of 2024)

The Committee considered the report (Agenda Item 10) which detailed the activities of the Bracknell and West Berkshire Water Safety Partnership.

(The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.30 pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature

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