

JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on MONDAY 9 JUNE 2025

BRACKNELL FOREST COUNCIL, TIME SQUARE, MARKET STREET, BRACKNELL

Present: Nick Allen (Bracknell Forest Council), Jeremy Cottam (West Berkshire Council), Iskandar Jefferies (Vice-Chairman, Bracknell Forest Council), Tom McCann (Chairman, West Berkshire Council) and Cherise Welch (Bracknell Forest Council)

Also Present: Councillor Lou Timlin (Wokingham Borough Council), Rosalynd Gater (Team Manager - Commercial), Sean Murphy (Service Lead - Public Protection), April Peberdy (Service Director - Community Services), Moira Fraser (Principal Officer - Policy and Governance), Damian James (Bracknell Forest Council) and Sam Chiverton (Apprentice Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Howard Woollaston (West Berkshire Council)

PART I

1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

2 Public Protection Partnership - Shared Service Proposals

The Committee noted the update on the implementation of the Peer Review recommendations and considered the proposals for the future of the shared public protection service.

RESOLVED that:

- The update on the Peer Review recommendations be noted.
- The following recommendations would be made to partner authorities:
 - That Wokingham Borough Council becomes a full member of the Joint Public Protection Committee, and all other governance arrangements and terms are those set out in the original shared service agreement of the 6 January 2017.
 - The partners enter into a new three authority agreement until the 31 March 2029.
 - The agreement includes an exit clause based on a minimum of twelve months' notice.
 - In line with the recommendations of the Peer Review, the host authority should remain with West Berkshire to avoid significant short term disruption.
 - The partners should not wait for the expiry of the existing agreements but enter into the new arrangement as soon as practically possible.

(The meeting commenced at 8.05pm and closed at 8.23pm)

CHAIRMAN



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Date of Signature