

## **Part 6.3.2 - Appendix: Building Communities Together Partnership**

### **1. Preamble**

- **1.1** Part 3 (Meeting Procedure Rules) and Part 6 (Council Bodies) set out the rules and procedures that apply to all of the Council's Bodies and Sub-Bodies.
  - **1.2** If there is any conflict between the wording of Parts 3 and 6 and this Appendix, this Appendix will prevail.
  - **1.3** The West Berkshire Building Communities Together Partnership ("BCTP") is a Sub-Body of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board ("HWB").
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### **2. Background Legislation**

- **2.1** Community Safety Partnerships ("CSPs") are established by virtue of ss.5-7, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 ("CDA") to formulate strategies in relation to the area in question to:
    - reduce crime and disorder (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);
    - combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances; and
    - reduce re-offending.
  - **2.2** The CDA sets out "responsible authorities" in relation to CSPs, to include for the area in question:
    - the local authority or authorities;
    - the probation service;
    - the police;
    - the fire and rescue authority; and
    - the Integrated Care Board.
  - **2.3** S.39, CDA requires local authorities to establish Youth Offending Teams ("YOTs") and for others, including the police and probation services, to cooperate in the discharge of functions relating to YOTs.
  - **2.4** Sched 6, Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 ("CTSA") sets out "specified authorities" as including district councils.
  - **2.5** S.26, CTSA obliges a specified authority to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism in exercising its functions (the 'Prevent' and 'Contest' strategies).
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### **3. Scope of Role - Statutory**

- **3.1** The BCTP shall be:
  - the CSP for West Berkshire;
  - the Steering Group for the West Berkshire YOT;
  - the West Berkshire Prevent Partnership Board.

- **3.2** The BCTP shall seek to:
    - reduce and prevent crime;
    - ensure that statutory responsibilities are fulfilled;
    - identify and respond to changes in the nature, incidence and severity of crime within West Berkshire;
    - safeguard those who are vulnerable;
    - help people and communities help each other and to engage with community safety related initiatives.
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#### **4. Scope of Role - General**

- **4.1** The BCTP shall seek to establish partnership working amongst its members to ensure that West Berkshire is, and continues to be, a safe place to live, work and learn.
  - **4.2** The BCTP will:
    - undertake an annual strategic assessment of crime, disorder and other emerging issues and agree shared partnership strategic priorities;
    - produce, and refresh annually, a three year Partnership Strategic Action Plan to address shared strategic priorities;
    - oversee strategic partnership activity contributing to addressing shared strategic priorities, regularly reviewing the impact of actions on outcomes;
    - review and approve an annual Youth Justice Plan;
    - approve a Community Safety Fund Spending Plan;
    - ensure compliance with national guidance and statutory responsibilities;
    - engage with communities and ensure that information from engagement informs the future development of the BCTP and community safety related work;
    - manage resources including identifying national and local sources of funding.
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#### **5. Membership**

- **1.1** Membership of the Board shall include the following bodies or their named representatives (with members encouraged to identify Substitutes to attend if they are unable to do so):

##### **Responsible Authorities ("Core Members")**

- West Berkshire Council ("WBC");
- Thames Valley Police ("TVP");
- Probation Service;
- Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service;

- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board

### **Key Partners**

- Housing Registered Providers;
- West Berkshire YOT;
- The Voluntary Sector;
- Healthwatch West Berkshire;
- Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust;
- Community;
- Faith Sector;
- West Berkshire Council Education;

### **Other Interested Parties**

- WBC Elected Members - the relevant Executive Portfolio Holder and deputy, and shadow portfolio holder or holders;
  - WBC's Police and Crime Panel Member;
  - the TVP Police and Crime Commissioner.
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## **6. Chairmanship, Quorum and Voting**

This section will be updated shortly.

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## **7. Meeting and Decision Making**

- **7.1** Ordinary Meetings of the BCTP will take place every quarter.
- **7.2** The BCTP is also be accountable to:
  - the communities of West Berkshire - in respect of community safety;
  - the Home Secretary - for all areas of planning and performance in relation to crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and re-offending;
  - the Home Office - in respect of statutory duties under the Contest Strategy (eg Prevent and 'Channel');
  - the Ministry of Justice - in relation to the work of the YOT;
  - local Safeguarding Partnerships for Children and Adults - in respect of the functions of a CSP;
  - the TVP Police and Crime Commissioner - in respect of utilisation of the Community Safety Fund.
- **7.3** The BCTP will provide, when required, reports to all of the above and also the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel.