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**Public Protection Service Delivery Plan 2021-23**

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# Introduction

The priorities of the Public Protection Partnership (PPP) are informed by the assessment of evidence from across a wide range of sources. This assessment was set out in a report to the Joint Public Protection Committee in June 2021. Those sources include assessment of resident concerns, Member and Council priorities, national priorities and new and emerging issues.

This document seeks to set out the planned output of the service set out using the Prevention / Intelligence / Enforcement model to addressing issues of priority and concern.

The key word is ‘planned’, it must always be remembered that in the field of public protection there is a large volume of service requests from residents and businesses and from other Council services. These help us identify the priority areas. Additionally within a local government setting there will inevitably be incidents, events and adjustments in the political landscape that require evaluation and assessment which may then lead to a change in the plan. Covid is one such example but over the years there have been others such as the Foot and Mouth outbreaks in the 2000’s. The PPP must be ready and able to adjust its plans for such eventualities and has proved itself to be responsive faced with such demands.

# Summary from the Strategic Assessment

The PPP aim to make it clear how they operate and show why it does the work it does. Communication and transparency is key to the success of the partnership and each project undertaken should be linked back to an evidence based approach.

# Framework for Delivery 2021-2023

These priorities for the large part will apply from April 2022 to the new two authority shared service. Some will also apply to proposed buy-back provision with Wokingham in respect of trading standards. The Intelligence Team and Joint Case Management Unit will continue to support in-house Wokingham public protection services to deliver their identified priorities.

PPP have assessed the themes and determined the priorities, laid out in the Strategic Assessment. Each project should be considered in the context of the National Intelligence Model and PIE:

# eCrime

On-line trading has seen a significant increase in recent years and this has been accelerated by Covid and restrictions on high street trading creating convenience and choice. However, on occasions the internet has been a vehicle for fraud, unfair trading, environmental crime and licensing breaches. As a cross-cutting issue the PPP will look for opportunities to tackle resident and business detriment caused by eCrime across all its themes, priorities and projects.

# Climate Change

This is a new priority. Climate Change is one of the key issues of our time. All partner Councils have developed agendas around climate change. The service has input into a number of those areas.

# Vulnerable Adults and Children

This cross-cutting issue includes safeguarding and investigations involving people from recognised vulnerable groups.

# Safeguarding (including Modern Slavery)

A further cross-cutting issue is looking at the importance of safeguarding and exploitation with the intention of reducing the detrimental impacts on health and individual and group / family safety and security.

# Safer Streets

As part of the wider community safety agenda work with a range of delivery partners to create safer streets for all our residents:

# Doorstep Crime and Mass Marketing

# Improving Standards in the Private Rented Sector

# Air Pollution

# Food Safety and Standards

# Childhood Obesity

# Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption

# Animal Welfare Standards

# Environmental Protection

# Impact of Nuisance on Communities including Noise

# Unsafe Consumer Goods

# Health and Safety at Work