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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY DECISION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2016 AT 10AM**

**THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL**

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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY DECISION MEETING**

Councillor Rob New (Conservative)

### **Group Spokespersons**

Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury, Labour

Councillor Julie Swan, UK Independence Party

Councillor Phil Smith, Liberal Democrat

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## **A G E N D A**

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 3 The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Pages 1 - 6)**

### Purpose.

To brief the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety that the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 comes into force on 6 April 2016 and enables relevant enforcement officers defined as being the police, customs officers or 'an officer of a local authority' to exercise powers under the Act relating to any premises including, prohibition, entry by warrant, search and seizure.

To advise the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety that the

Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 also creates powers to 'stop and search' persons, enter and search vehicles, board and search vessels but these powers are specific to the police and customs officers.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety agree that the Director of Regulatory Services, Community Safety and Troubled families is delegated to deliver these new enforcement powers on behalf of the City Council, in respect of retail business premises in conjunction with the police, and may authorise appropriate officers within the directorate to carry out these new enforcement functions.

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