

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety held on Wednesday, 23 March 2016 at 10.00 am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Robert New
Yahiya Chowdhury
Julie Bird
Phil Smith

4. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

5. Declaration of Members' Interests

No interests were declared.

6. The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

Peter Emmett, Trading Standards Manager introduced the report and in response to questions, clarified the following points:

- The legislation is likely to be challenged.
- So-called poppers will be added to the list of excluded substances.
- The Local Government Agency will issue guidance to local authorities
- Retailers have been advised of the new legislation. Anecdotal evidence indicates that some headshops are moving towards becoming vaping shops.
- The situation will be monitored.

Councillor New thanked officers for their hard work on this issue and welcomed the new legislation which empowers the police and sends a strong message to the community.

DECISION

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety agreed 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.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 am.

Councillor Robert New

