

# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## **CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY**

**TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 2PM**

## **COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH**

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### **Public health guidance for staff and the public due to Winter coughs, colds and viruses, including Covid-19**

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## **Membership**

Councillor Jason Fazackarley (Cabinet Member)  
Councillor George Madgwick  
Councillor Kirsty Mellor  
Councillor John Smith

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## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests.**
- 3 Additional funding to support victims of domestic abuse (Pages 5 - 8)**

Purpose.

For the Cabinet Member for the Safety in the Community portfolio to confirm the allocation of the additional funding of £28,000 for 2022/23 for victims of domestic abuse.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Safety in the Community confirm the allocation of the additional funding of £28,000 for victims of domestic abuse to purchase Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP) training and supervision for four new members of staff, in the Family Safeguarding Service, who work with families and children where there is domestic abuse in the home to support ongoing interventions.**

- 4 Food Safety Operating Plan 2022 / 2023**

This report will follow.

**5 Trading Standards: 'Threats, Challenges and Solutions' 2022-2024**  
(Pages 9 - 30)

Purpose.

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet Member for Safety in the Community as to how Regulatory Services (Portsmouth Trading Standards [PTS]) will approach service delivery challenges for 2022-2024.
2. Currently, PTS are witnessing increasing levels of consumer vulnerability. The impact of the various and numerous economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic have caused extenuating circumstances for consumers and business and unfamiliar and uncertain territory in the trade of even the most basic of consumer goods and services.
3. PTS role is to protect consumers from adverse transactional experiences. This requires a transparent consumer protection system for businesses, with consumers aware of their rights alongside robust law enforcement. This is increasingly difficult to maintain due to newly emerging and complex markets.
4. Businesses also rely on advice from PTS, however, this area of service is under pressure in respect to the enforcement necessary, particularly, to tackle rogue practices in this burgeoning area of unfair business activity as they emerge.
5. This paper highlights the current demands, service capacity and identifies the forecasted threats and challenges presented by new burdens.

**RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Safety in the Community:**

- i. **Acknowledges the increasing duties and pressures facing Portsmouth Trading Standards.**
- ii. **Acknowledges** the level of resourcing currently available to Portsmouth Trading Standards to provide the protections the public should reasonably expect.
- iii. **Approves** the way Portsmouth trading Standards proposes to mitigate the growing threats as set out within the report.

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