

## **DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, INEQUALITIES & COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2 July 2024 commencing at 1.00 pm and finishing at 1.15 pm

**Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor Dr Nathan Ley – in the Chair

**Officers:** Jack Ahier (Democratic Services Officer), Jason Crapper (Area Manager C), Kate Holburn (Head of Public Health Programmes), Sam Read (Public Health Programme Manager), Owen Rye (Health Improvement Practitioner).

*The Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities and Community Safety considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.*

### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Agenda No. 1)

There were none.

### **6 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

(Agenda No. 2)

There were none.

### **7 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda No. 3)

There were none.

### **8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(Agenda No. 4)

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2024 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **9 AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM ATTENDANCE POLICY**

(Agenda No. 5)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

The Chair noted that the report set out responses to an ongoing consultation exercise, as well as noting the efficiencies in response to automatic alarms.

Officers noted a slight error in the order of preference that was expressed by stakeholders in regard to the different options; with option A being the least popular and option C being the second most popular, as opposed to the other way round.

Officers noted that the report intended to align policies across the Thames Valley to improve inter-operability.

Following a question from the Chair about the policy's impact on low and medium risk buildings, officers confirmed that the policy would not remove the risk, but that it is at a low level and that officer's professional judgement would continue to be used in circumstances when the situation may differ.

The Chair thanked officers for their work and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

**RESOLVED to:**

**Note the results of the consultation exercise as set out in this report and the consultation report attached at Appendix Two, and delegate authority to the Chief Fire Officer to:**

**a) Select amongst the proposed automatic fire alarm response options as deemed appropriate following discussions with other Thames Valley fire and rescue services; and**

**b) To elevate building types into a higher risk category, either temporarily or on a permanent basis, to manage an identified risk posed by that type of building in the future.**

**10 SUPPLEMENTARY SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE CONTRACT**  
(Agenda No. 6)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

The Chair stated the scheme sought to enhance substance misuse services in Oxfordshire in-line with the national strategy.

Officers confirmed that funding was received via the Office of Health Improvements and Disparities and the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities grants as part of a National Drug Strategy.

Officers noted that an extension was being sought for the full three years, to ensure stability of the service, on the basis that the grants would be extended, but that was not confirmed at the present stage.

Officers explained that measures had been put in place around finances to mitigate potential risks if the grants were not continued.

The Chair thanked officers for their work, praised the work of the service and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

**RESOLVED to:**

- a) Approve the contract extension, via the appropriate legal route, for the Supplementary Substance Misuse Service, provided by Turning Point, for a period of 3 years.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing ..... 03/09/2024