

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 March 2016

Present

Councillor Cheshire (Chairman)

Councillors Wilson, Briggs, Guest, Weeks and Bains

224 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

225 Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 3 February 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

226 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

227 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

228 Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Narinder Bains to the Cabinet as new Cabinet Lead for Marketing and Development.

The Chairman also welcomed Miss Pheaby Martin from Crookhorn College supporting the Cabinet as part of her period of Work Experience with Democratic Services.

229 Recommendations from the Scrutiny Board

229a Safeguarding

Councillor Weeks introduced a report from the Economy and Communities Scrutiny Panel on Safeguarding.

At the invitation of the Cabinet, Councillor Lenaghan, as Scrutiny Lead, presented the Panels findings arising from its review of Safeguarding and, in particular in the context of the Prevent Agenda and Modern Slavery. Councillor Lenaghan took the opportunity to thank all those who had contributed to the review including presentations from the Police and the Home Office. Councillor Lenaghan also recommended that all councillors undertake the in-house e-learning course on Safeguarding.

Proposed by Councillor Weeks and seconded by Councillor Wilson it was:

RESOLVED that the following be approved:

1. the Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy be amended to reflect the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;
2. the Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy be amended to reflect the impact of the Prevent Agenda;
3. all councillors shall undertake the e-learning “Basic Safeguarding Awareness” Course to ensure that all councillors are aware of their role in this area;
4. a councillor training session be arranged to ensure that all councillors are aware of the safeguarding policy and their role in this area;
5. the Council’s policies be amended to include the statutory responsibilities relating to missing, exploited and trafficked children;
6. the Council’s letting policies be amended to include the statutory responsibility introduced by the PREVENT Agenda;
7. the on line safeguarding report form be made more accessible to staff and councillors;
8. the Council consider amending the training for taxi and private hire drivers to include Child Sexual Exploitation awareness;
9. the feasibility of all councillors undertaking a DBS check be investigated; and
10. a progress report be submitted to the Board within six months.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.10 pm

.....Chairman