

Minutes of the Meeting of the Hidden and Extreme Harms Prevention Committee held on 22 June 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Gary Collins (Chair), Daniel Chukwu (Vice-Chair), Augustine Ononaji, Graham Snell and Cici Manwa

Apologies:

In attendance:

Michelle Cunningham, Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Manager
Michael Dineen, Assistant Director Counter Fraud, Enforcement and Community Safety
Cheryl Wells, Strategic Lead - Community Safety, Emergency Planning and Resilience
Rhiannon Whiteley, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the meeting, all present were advised that the meeting was being live streamed and recorded, with the video recording to be made available on the Council's Youtube channel.

The live recording can be viewed on the following link:

[Thurrock Council - Hidden and Extreme Harms Prevention Committee, 22/06/2023 - YouTube](#)

26. Apologies for Absence

None.

27. Minutes

The minutes of the Hidden and Extreme Harms Prevention Committee meeting held on 21 February 2023 were approved as a correct record.

28. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

29. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

30. Terms of Reference

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report and explained that this item is to draw Committee Member's attention to the terms of reference of the Committee which is in the Council's Constitution. It sets out what areas the Committee covers and essential information such as the quorum for meetings.

31. Work Programme

The Committee discussed the work programme and the following was confirmed / acknowledged or highlighted: -

- SERICC Attendance and presentation which was on the work programme for September did not fit in the terms of reference for this Committee and should go to Health and Wellbeing or Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The Chair requested a verbal update on anything the Committee should be concerned about.
- Councillor Ononaji requested more training especially on human trafficking and modern slavery. It was confirmed Human trafficking training will be delivered to all members in Essex and the date is to be confirmed.
- Councillor Snell raised the issue of women being trafficked to act as prostitutes in Thurrock and queried if this was a concern. It was confirmed few reports were received but community intelligence was important and concerns should be reported to professionals such as Thurrock Community Safety Partnership, Adult Social Services, the Police or Crimestoppers
- The Assistant Director for Counter Fraud, Enforcement and Community Safety suggested each meeting could focus on one of the 4 areas in the terms of reference for the committee, i.) Prevention and Counter Terrorism, ii.) Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery, iii) Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children iv.) Tackling criminal gang associations

ACTION 1: The Assistant Director for Counter Fraud, Enforcement and Community Safety will research the national inquiry completed regarding the Human Trafficking case which took place in Grays and report back to the Committee.

ACTION 2: Thurrocks Prevent Strategy and Modern Slavery Strategy will be shared with the Committee members along with the Southend, Essex, and Thurrock (SET) policies for both.

The meeting finished at 7.25 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

**Any queries regarding these Minutes, please contact
Democratic Services at Direct.Democracy@thurrock.gov.uk**