

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I108657</b>
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1. **TITLE:** National Drug Strategy – From Harm to Hope

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The National Drug Strategy From Harm to Hope was published in December 2021. In June 2022 guidance for local delivery partners was published which included a requirement for a new Combating Drugs Partnership to be established to ensure that local areas meet all of the requirements set out in the strategy. The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Executive are in agreement that a Berkshire East Combating Drugs is established.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

1 That the geographical footprint of the Combating Drugs Partnership be based on a Berkshire East Partnership due to the co-terminosity with the Integrated Care Partnership and Public Health functions.

2 That the appointment of Stuart Lines as the Senior Responsible Officer who will represent the Combating Drugs Partnership and account for local delivery and performance to central government be endorsed.

3 That a temporary partnership post be developed to support the establishment of the Berkshire East Combating Drugs Partnership, the development of the terms of reference, undertake a needs assessment for Berkshire East and develop a strategy on how the partnership will deliver against the priorities in the national drug strategy

4 That a Local Drug Strategy Delivery Partnership be established to oversee the delivery of the local drug strategy and report on progress to the Berkshire East Combating Drugs Partnership.

5 That the Leader be requested to appoint the member representative to the Combating Drugs Partnership.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The strategy requires local areas in England to have a strong partnership that brings together all the relevant organisations and key individuals. The Combating Drugs Partnership will be responsible for reporting directly into central government and will have an appointed Senior Responsible Officer.

Whilst the Combating Drugs Partnership will be responsible for overseeing delivery against the priorities of the drug strategy, it will not be a decision making partnership. A local

delivery partnership that can fulfil that role and report progress to the Berkshire East Combatting Drugs Partnership will also be required.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Guidance for local delivery partners make it clear that an entirely new Combatting Drugs Partnership needs to be established in local areas so there are no alternatives to consider.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
29 September 2022	6 October 2022