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StopLoanSharks Charter

 Hammersmith & Fulham Council
PARTNERS' AGREEMENT

This agreement is aimed at tackling any issues of Illegal Money Lending in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team aim to prosecute unlicensed lenders in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council's partners recognise that effectively tackling loan shark behaviour leads to safer communities and neighbourhoods for Hammersmith & Fulham Council residents.

The aims of Hammersmith & Fulham Council Stoploansharks Initiative are to:

1. Increase awareness within local communities of the approaches and tactics that illegal loan sharks adopt when targeting potential victims.
2. Create a legacy that will make the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham a difficult place for illegal loan sharks to prosper.
3. Increase the confidence of Hammersmith & Fulham Council residents so they can make informed financial choices on areas such as affordable lending and saving through a local credit union.
4. Increase the confidence of Hammersmith & Fulham Council residents to enable them to report illegal loan sharks activity safely.
5. Increase the awareness of agencies working with Hammersmith & Fulham Council residents to enable staff to spot signs of loan shark victims and then offer them the opportunity of support.

We agree to achieve this by:

1. Promoting the Hammersmith & Fulham Council Stoploansharks Initiative as widely as possible. Encouraging Hammersmith & Fulham Council organisations to sign up to this Charter.
2. Plan and implement initiatives to support and take part in a loan sharks awareness week.
3. Create opportunities to increase awareness on budgeting and money advice to local communities so residents can make informed financial choices.
4. Take a multi agency approach to facilitate the Illegal Money Lending Team to increase their reach into local communities.

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