Reviewing our approach  (Creating connections)

**0: Not Addressed:** No action taken or significant deficiencies observed.

**1: Partial Implementation:** Some measures in place but room for improvement.

**2: Comprehensive Implementation:** Meets or goes above and beyond the requirements of the statement.

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| **Relationships with local police (and wider partners as relevant): Proactively develop strong relationships with the police to enhance coordination and foster mutual understanding of abuse affecting councillors and the role of police in addressing it.**  | Total score  |  **Evidence**  |
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| **Statement**  | **0: Not Addressed**  | **1: Partial**  | **2: Comprehensive**  |
| We establish regular communication channels and liaison arrangements with local police forces to facilitate collaboration on issues related to abuse affecting councillors.  |   |   |   |   |
| We provide councillors and council staff with clear advice on the role of the police in addressing abuse and the process for engaging with law enforcement agencies.  |   |   |   |   |
| We promote mutual understanding and trust between councillors, council staff, and local police officers through various joint initiatives. This collaborative approach enhances coordination and fosters a shared understanding of addressing abuse affecting councillors.  |   |   |   |   |
| We have established approaches for sharing information and intelligence related to serious instances of abuse, harassment, and threats, ensuring compliance with data protection and confidentiality requirements. This information exchange enables us to identify patterns and flag potential escalation, facilitating timely intervention and support for councillors facing abuse and intimidation.  |   |   |   |   |
| We establish mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the partnership with local police, including regular meetings and feedback sessions to continually make improvements.  |   |   |   |   |