

CONSIDERATION OF NEXT REVIEW TOPIC - SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING (SNP)

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REASON FOR ITEM

To consider the subject of the Committee's next review topic and to hear a short presentation by Ed Shaylor, the Council's Anti Social Behaviour & Investigations Service Manager on possible areas which the Committee could review.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To consider the presentation from the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour & Investigations Service Manager on Safer Neighbourhood Policing and possible areas which could form part of this Committee's next review.
2. To ask officers to provide a scoping report for a review.

INFORMATION

1. At the Committee's last meeting on 13 November 2012 discussion took place on possible topics for the Committee's next review. One topic considered was relating to Safer Neighbourhood Policing. To enable the Committee to scope its review, the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour & Investigations Services Manager will be attending the meeting to provide Members with some guidance on what particular aspect they may consider reviewing.
2. All Members of the Council have also been invited to attend a consultation event on the London Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 which is taking place prior to this meeting, which will provide background information and details of the future plans for policing in the Borough. Details of the invite are below:
3. *"Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is seeking views from London residents to help shape the Mayor of London's Police and Crime Plan which will be published in April 2013.*

There are a series of public consultation events from 9 January to 28 February 2013 in each London borough. The event in Hillingdon will take place on Wednesday 6th February 2013 from 6pm to 7pm in the Middlesex Suite. The event will be attended by Deputy Mayor of London Stephen Greenhalgh and Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Simon

Byrne, who will make a short presentation and take questions from the floor. This is a public meeting organised by MOPAC which of course as Hillingdon councillors you are welcome to attend. The Leader of the Council will chair the event and Cabinet Member Councillor Douglas Mills and Hillingdon's Borough Commander Chief Superintendent Steven Kershaw will also be in attendance.

The key points are:

MPS wants to increase the visibility and availability of police officers on patrol. Neighbourhood Policing will benefit from doubling the number of constables by 2015 in Hillingdon from 64 to 129. However, ward based Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be replaced by Inspector led teams on Local Police Areas (clusters of wards). Each ward will have a named sergeant and a dedicated constable and PCSO. Other constables and PCSOs will work across the Local Police Area according to need. Neighbourhood teams will have a broader remit to cut crime, support victims and tackle offending. Safer Schools Officers will be retained for every secondary school that wants one.

The total number of police officers in Hillingdon will rise from 480 to 525 by 2015.

MPS currently has a large and expensive estate of 497 buildings. New Scotland Yard will be sold and HQ facilities moved to re-furnished existing buildings in Westminster and Lambeth. Visitor numbers to some front counters are low, using up resources which could be used elsewhere. The draft estate strategy is designed to create a more efficient estate with a smaller HQ and less costly buildings. Every borough will have one police station open 24 hours. In Hillingdon this will be Uxbridge, with Hayes and Ruislip open to the public but not 24 hours. The MPS strategy proposes to close the front counter at Northwood.

4. For Members information the consultation draft on the Police and Crime Plan 2013-17 is attached as Appendix 1.

PAPERS WITH THE REPORT

Consultation draft on the Police and Crime Plan 2013-17 (Appendix 1)