

# FIRST MAJOR REVIEW 2014/15: DIVERSIFYING THE STREET CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE

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## REASON FOR ITEM

To consider the draft scoping report on a major review into diversifying the Street Champions initiative in Hillingdon that was proposed as a topic at the last meeting of the Committee.

Officers will provide Members with a brief presentation on the topic as well as an overview of the proposed structure and extent of the review.

## OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To give consideration to the detail contained in the draft scoping report and to make comments and suggestions on the detail contained within.
2. To request clarification and further information from officers.
3. To agree the scoping report and the witnesses that will be required for the Committee to conduct its review.

## INFORMATION

1. At its meeting of 26 June 2014, the Committee identified the Council's Street Champions initiative as the topic for their first major review of the year. Specifically, Members identified the core concerns to be how to:
  - a. make it more easily accessible to volunteers;
  - b. improve channels of communication; and
  - c. diversify its scope by linking it with other existing schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch.
2. In the light of these core areas, the attached scoping report has been produced to provide the Committee with draft terms of reference for the review, information on possible lines of enquiry and a proposed list of witnesses.
3. To ensure that the key areas identified in the report are addressed as comprehensively as possible, it has been suggested that there are three themed witness sessions as follows:
  - a. **Setting the context** - providing information on how the initiative currently works;
  - b. **Better Access and Reporting** - exploring how digital technologies could be used to enhance volunteers' experiences;
  - c. **Street Champions and Neighbourhood Watch** - exploring how the two initiatives might be better linked.

4. In agreeing to this structure the Committee should be advised that there will be three witness sessions in total meaning that a draft final report would be considered at the meeting of 20 January 2015 at the earliest.
5. The review will identify areas for improvement and future development and, if needed, will bring forward positive and practical policy recommendations.

## **PAPERS WITH THE REPORT**

Draft Scoping Report (Appendix A)