

FUTURE REVIEW

Committee name	Corporate Services, Commerce and Communities Policy Overview Committee
Officer reporting	Luke Taylor, Democratic Services
Papers with report	None

HEADLINES

This report provides Committee Members with information regarding a potential next review topic to be considered by the Policy Overview Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee consider the selection of the review topic proposal set out in this report and a detailed scoping report for consideration at the next meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Policy Overview Committees have undertaken successful in-depth reviews of Council services and policies. This has resulted in a number of positive changes locally, with some also affecting policy at a national level.
2. Committees start by reviewing suitable topics for review and once selected, a draft Scoping Report on the subject will be prepared and tabled at the following Committee meeting, and will outline the aims of the review and how it could potentially be structured for Members' input. Members are asked to make use of the scorecard included earlier on this agenda.
3. During any review, the Committee will gather evidence from witness sessions, as well as other activities, and once the Committee is satisfied with the evidence it has received, it will draft a series of recommendations that will be presented to Cabinet within the final report.
4. Also, as the conventional 'deadline' of completing reviews within a traditional municipal year no longer exists, this opens up greater opportunities to engage with witnesses and residents, increasing the value of the Committee's findings.
5. Through research and discussions with officers, the Chairman has proposed that the Committee's first review topic could be on the subject of the **Community Safety, Tasking Teams, and the Impact of New Policing Structures in Hillingdon**. This topic fits neatly within the Committee's remit of Community Safety and Partnerships.

6. Draft Terms of Reference for the review's scope are proposed as below:

- a. The role played by, and, if required, what changes are necessary for, the Community Safety team to work alongside the new emerging West Borough Command Unit for the Metropolitan Police;
- b. Considering how interface works on a daily basis, how contact takes place at a strategic level, and what synergy comes from the Council's investment in upgraded CCTV, in particular, the use of town centre ANPR cameras by the Police;
- c. Confirming links to the Anti-Social Behaviour and Housing Teams, and defining clear lines of responsibility for the Police, Registered Social Landlords, and other external bodies from issues arising; and,
- d. How can the Council-funded Tasking Teams, both north and south of the A40, be managed going forward, and what good news results can be expected to reassure residents that Hillingdon is safe.
- e. Confirming that the Council is receiving value for money for its contributions to the West Borough Command Unit, and ensuring that money is not redirected away from Hillingdon to the other neighbouring Boroughs.

7. The Committee may wish to amend, or suggest additional objectives for the review.

Implications on related Council policies

Policy Overview Committees' reviews scrutinise and analyse an area of Council policy or services, and are able to recommend service improvements to the Cabinet, where appropriate.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

Scrutiny reviews undertaken by the Policy Overview Committees can recommend improvements to Council services and policies, which will benefit the local residents.

Financial Implications

None at this stage.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.