REVIEW A: POLICING IN HILLINGDON

Committee name	Corporate Services, Commerce and Communities Policy Overview Committee
Officer reporting	Luke Taylor, Democratic Services
Papers with report	Appendix A – Scoping Report

HEADLINES

As part of the Committee's review into the new policing structures in Hillingdon, and following the request from Committee members at the meeting on 24 July 2018 for witness sessions, key witnesses have been invited to answer questions relating to the review.

The witnesses presenting evidence and answering queries from the Committee are Ms Lisa Cronin, Inspector, Neighbourhoods and Partnerships, and Mr Andrew Deane, Chief Inspector, Neighbourhoods and Partnerships.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee note and comment on the information presented as part of the witness session.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Members agreed at the meeting on 24 July 2018 that the Committee's first review topic would be the new policing structures in Hillingdon. At this meeting, potential witnesses were identified, and testimony from the Metropolitan Police Service was highlighted as a key witness session for the review.

As well as testimony from Council officers, it was agreed that Police involvement would be very important to the review, and the Committee agreed to invite local Police Officers to the meeting in October to hear evidence on how the new policing structure was working for the Police.

At the previous meeting on 20 September 2018, the Committee heard evidence from officers from the London Borough of Hillingdon, when Dan Kennedy, Deputy Director for Housing, Environment, Education, Health and Wellbeing, and Jacqui Robertson, Service Manager for Community Safety. Officers presented evidence to the Committee on the Council's role in the new policing structures, and how the changes have affected the Council and its officers, as well as answering any queries. The minutes of this meeting, including the witness session, can be found at Agenda Item 3.

The agreed Terms of Reference for the review were set out in the scoping report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Implications on related Council policies

The role of the Policy Overview Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet, who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

Policy Overview Committees directly engage residents in shaping policy, and recommendations from the Committees seek to improve the way the Council provides services to residents.

Financial Implications

None at this stage.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.