

REVIEW A: POLICING IN HILLINGDON

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

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 witness presenting evidence and answering queries from the Committee is Gary Penticost, Head of Repairs and Engineering. Jacqui Robertson, Service Manager for Community Safety, will also be in attendance.

This session will include information on the Council's CCTV upgrades and the impact of these upgrades on policing in Hillingdon.

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.

Testimony was heard from the Service Manager for Community Safety and Deputy Director for Housing, Environment, Education, Health & Wellbeing in September, the Chief Inspector and Inspector for Neighbourhoods and Partnerships at the Committee meeting in October, and the Anti-Social Behaviour and Environment Manager in November.

At the 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.

On 11 October 2018, evidence was heard from Mr Andrew Deane, Chief Inspector for Neighbourhoods and Partnerships, and Ms Lisa Cronin, Inspector for Neighbourhoods and Partnerships. The Inspectors spoke to the Committee about the Police's experiences and opinions of the changes to the policing structures, and answered any questions from Members.

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At the previous meeting on 6 November 2018, evidence was heard from Bill Hickson, Anti-Social Behaviour and Environment Manager, who discussed how the changes to the policing structure has impacted upon community safety and anti-social behaviour in the Borough.

The agreed Terms of Reference for the review were set out in the scoping report, and are laid out as follows:

- 1. To understand 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;*
- 2. 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;*
- 3. Reviewing links to the Anti-Social Behaviour and Housing Teams, and defining / ensuring clear lines of responsibility for the Police, Registered Social Landlords, and other external bodies from issues arising;*
- 4. Reviewing the Council-funded Tasking Teams, both north and south of the A40, and how they will be managed going forward, and what good news results can be expected to reassure residents that Hillingdon is safe; and,*
- 5. 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.*

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.

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