

REVIEW A: POLICING IN HILLINGDON

Committee name	Corporate Services, Commerce & 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.

With witness sessions for the review now completed, the Committee is asked to discuss and provisionally agree potential recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee comment on and suggest potential recommendations to be included within the final report.

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.

At the 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.

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The previous meeting, on 8 January 2018, included the final witness session, with evidence heard from Gary Penticost, Head of Repairs and Engineering, who discussed the Council's CCTV upgrades.

Members are welcome to suggest any recommendations that they wish to be included within the report, and these recommendations can then be discussed at the meeting and with officers, ahead of potentially being added to the report.

Please note that the wording of any suggested recommendation is not final, but will be confirmed ahead of the final report. A final list of recommendations will be added to the final report, which will be brought before the Committee in the next couple of months.

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.