Items tabled at meeting – Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, 12 March 2019 - Item 9 – The impact of Prevent Strategy and Stop and Search Policy on community relations.
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Possible themes for recommendations from the Chair and Vice-Chair

Stop and Search

- The Community Monitoring Network – a recommendation around additional support or possible co-opted Councillor as well as officer support and increased publicity.

- The importance of young people knowing their rights for example distributing the MOPAC cards to schools and youth clubs. S.E.A.R.C.H cards and the videos being available.

- Working with schools/ youth groups to support increased dialogue between Police and young people. Supporting the Youth IAG and helping to raise profile. Police – community relations – more work in schools and with young people and starting from a younger age. (acknowledging the challenges in terms of budget)

- The importance of Police training and understanding the huge importance of the quality of the interaction for young people in particular.

- Acknowledging the disproportionality and concerns around the number of very young people being stopped.

- The stop and search complaints procedure should be looked at and the possibility of a process for a complaint being recorded at the time of search needs to be considered. Complaint statistics are challenging to find and their needs to be more transparency about the figures and trends.

Prevent

- Recommending the Mayor write to the Home Sec regarding the lack of availability of local data on referrals etc. and the importance of ensuring there are sufficient built-in scrutiny mechanism in which local areas can feed into the Prevent programme.

- Communicating the emphasis on the safeguarding aspect of Prevent to the community.

- Highlighting the work of KIKit and the importance of a community based referral pathway that allows issues to be dealt with by trusted individuals with the confidence of the community.
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