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## MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 26 February 2014 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hall (Chair), Jackie Addison, Obajimi Adefiranye, Christine Allison, Abdeslam Amrani, Paul Bell, David Britton, Duwayne Brooks, Suzannah Clarke, Liam Curran, Vincent Davis, Amanda De Ryk, Alexander Feakes, Julia Fletcher, Patsy Foreman, Vicky Foxcroft, Sven Griesenbeck, Michael Harris, Ami Ibitson, Mark Ingleby, Stella Jeffrey, Darren Johnson, Chris Maines, Jim Mallory, Pauline Morrison, John Muldoon, Marion Nisbet, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Philip Peake and Alan Till

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Janet Daby, Salena Mulhere, Barrie Neal and Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kevin Bonavia, Councillor Pauline Beck, Councillor John Bowen, Councillor Peggy Fitzsimmons, Councillor Carl Handley and Councillor Madeliene Long

### 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2014

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

### 3. Response from Mayor and Cabinet: Emergency Services Review

Cllr Hall introduced the Mayor and Cabinet response, and advised that he had also received a response from the Borough Police Commander and that some further information about the roll out of the Local Policing Model was due to be provided by the Commander in due course.

The Committee discussed the response and highlighted:

- Ongoing concerns amongst members about police numbers locally being below 2010 levels and the new model not delivering an increase in police officers in Lewisham in real terms
- Cllr Johnson had discussed the review and final report with the London Fire Brigade Deputy Commissioner, Rita Dexter OBE, who advised that she was impressed with how seriously councillors in Lewisham had taken this issue and with the detail and quality of the final report
- The importance of scrutiny in Lewisham keeping abreast of the implementation of the changes to emergency services through routine monitoring of performance and in relation to the responses to the recommendations.

RESOLVED: The Committee resolved to:

- receive the response
- request the further information outlined, in relation to the recommendations and responses discussed, be provided by MPS, LFB and officers as appropriate
- request the scrutiny team ensure that all follow up information and monitoring be put forward to the appropriate select committees in the next municipal year

#### **4. Items to be referred to Mayor and Cabinet**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.