

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Monday 25 January 2016**

Item 5 is the response from participating organisations to the recommendations arising from the Public Spending in Lewisham Working Group. Responses from Goldsmiths and the Police were marked to follow.

I have had the update below from **Goldsmiths** in relation to the following recommendation:

*Higher Education Institutions offering “high teaching quality” will be able to increase their tuition fees in line with inflation from 2017-18. Goldsmiths is asked to share any plans to increase its fees with the Council at the earliest opportunity, together with information on any schemes it operates to encourage students from deprived backgrounds to apply, including the excellence scholarships available for students from Lewisham.*

**Response:** As the proposals on linking Home/EU fees to a teaching excellence framework are contained in a Green Paper, it is too early to say what we would do at the moment. However, we will inform Lewisham as soon as we have an agreed position (which will not be until there is legislation).

Information on our scholarship schemes is available from the links below:

<http://www.gold.ac.uk/ug/fees-funding/scholarships-2016/>

<http://www.gold.ac.uk/pg/fees-funding/scholarships-2016/>

I have had the update below from the **Lewisham Borough Commander (Met Police)** in relation to the following recommendation:

*As soon as specific savings proposals are developed, the Borough Commander is asked to share these with the Council, highlighting the specific impact on the borough. The briefing should be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.*

**Response:** The Metropolitan Police Management Board is meeting on 2 February to decide on the future operating structure of the Met and how it will look by 2020. These decisions will then be developed for implementation over the next 4 years. I doubt we will have a detailed borough by borough spending plan in the coming months, but we will certainly have an idea as to future plans and what that will mean for the policing of the borough.