

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Response to the Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Lewisham Metropolitan Police Service Update	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.
<b>Ward</b>	All	
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Community Services, Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 28 September 2016

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the response to the views and comments arising from the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, about discussions held with the Lewisham Borough Commander under the Lewisham Metropolitan Police Service update items at its meeting on the 4 July 2016.

## 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Mayor:

- 2.1 Approves the responses from the Executive Director for Community Services to the comments from the Safer Stronger Select Committee.
- 2.2 Agrees that this report should be forwarded to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 On 4 July 2016, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee considered an item entitled Lewisham Metropolitan Police Service Update. Following the Select Committee a referral was made to the Mayor and Cabinet on 13 July 2016. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 Referral 1
- 3.2.1 The Committee was interested to hear about the plans expressed by London's new Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to run an extensive consultation on proposals to remodel police services in London. The Committee was concerned about proposals, developed before the 2016 London mayoral election, for a potential merger of the 32 Borough Command Units across London. This would mean that there would not be one borough commander responsible for policing in the borough of Lewisham.
- 3.2.2 The Committee expressed its concern at these plans, as cooperation between local authorities and the metropolitan police is strengthened by having the boundaries of local police forces in London correspond with borough boundaries.

### 3.3 Response

- 3.3.1 The Borough Commander will keep the Mayor, Cabinet Member, and Committee updated on this. It is likely that there will be pilot boroughs for a number of options and changes to police operational delivery which will help to form part of any future plans and feed into any consultations. Once consultations on proposals open the Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People will ensure the Committee and relevant others are fully sighted.

### 3.4 Referral 2

- 3.4.1 The Committee welcomed the support for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) expressed by the Lewisham Police Borough Commander. The Committee values the work done by PCSOs and would welcome an opportunity to increase their numbers.

### 3.5 Response

- 3.5.1 This is noted and the Borough Commander will feed this back into the Service.

### 3.6 Referral 3

- 3.6.1 The Committee requested that they were formally asked to comment on any consultation responses on behalf of the Council to plans by the Mayor of London or Greater London Assembly for changes to the discharge of crime and disorder function in the borough.

### 3.7 Response

- 3.7.1 The London Mayor's Police and Crime Plan, which is a statutory requirement, will be drafted in the autumn 2016, and will be formally consulted on late Autumn into the Winter of 2016. The Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People will ensure the Committee is fully sighted on the draft Plan and the Committee is welcomed to make comments. In addition there will be a formal response made by the Safer Lewisham Partnership.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Any financial implications in respect of the above will be part of the considerations of the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.

## **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this response, save for noting that the Council's Constitution provides that the Executive may respond to reports and recommendations by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **6. Crime and Disorder Implications**

- 6.1 Any crime and disorder implications will be fully considered once proposals are clearer.

## **7. Equalities Implications**

- 7.1 One of the Partnership's key outcomes is to ensure equity in representation and that equality and diversity issues are followed in the work of the partnership.

## **8. Environmental Implications**

- 8.1 Environmental implications in respect of any policy changes are critical and due regard and consideration is given as appropriate.

### **Background papers**

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee Referral to Mayor and Cabinet – 13 July 2016

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