

Mayor and Cabinet			
Title	Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Lewisham metropolitan police service update		
Contributors	Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	Item No.	3
Class	Part 1	Date	13 July 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet meeting of the comments and views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held with the Lewisham police borough commander under the Lewisham metropolitan police service update item at its meeting on 4 July 2016.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet are recommended to note the views of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee as set out in this referral and ask the Executive Director for Community Services to provide a response.

3. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 4 July 2016, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee considered an item entitled Lewisham metropolitan police service update. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 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 one borough commander responsible to policing in the borough of Lewisham.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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 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.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

Background papers

[Council's Employee Survey - Talkback 2015](#) at the meeting of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on 11 May 2016.

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