



## Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee

### Report title: Local Police and Fire Brigade Update

**Date:** 16 January 2020

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### Outline and recommendations

The Borough Commander for the South East Borough Command Unit (Police) and the Borough Commander for the Lewisham Fire Brigade will be providing an update on activity to the Committee and an opportunity for questions and answers.

- To analyse the written evidence received in appendix A (Lewisham Fire Brigade) and the presentation at the meeting (SE BCU) and question the Borough Commanders as necessary.

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an update to the Committee on the work of the Lewisham Fire Brigade. There will also be a presentation at the Committee meeting from the South-East BCU Commander (Police). Members of the Committee will have an opportunity to listen to the presentation and read the attached report and question the officers present as necessary.

## 2. Recommendations

- To analyse the written evidence received in appendix A (Lewisham Fire Brigade) and the presentation at the meeting (SE BCU) and question the Borough Commanders as necessary.

## 3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The Council's Corporate Strategy of "Open Lewisham" promotes Lewisham as a welcoming place of safety for all which celebrates the diversity that strengthens us. It includes emphasis on Lewisham being a place where diversity and cultural heritage are recognised as a strength and celebrated and where hate crime will not be tolerated.
- 3.2. The Council's strategy of "Building safer communities" includes specific references to striving to make every resident feel safe and secure living in Lewisham, and working towards a borough free from crime and the fear of crime.

## **4. Background**

- 4.1. The Committee's remit includes consideration and scrutiny of matters relating to crime and disorder and including the work of partner organisations such as the local Police and Fire Brigade. As such the Committee regularly invites the relevant Borough Commanders to attend to provide an update on their work and an opportunity for questions and answers.

## **5. Appendices**

- *Appendix A – report from the Lewisham Borough Commander for Fire*

## **6. Financial implications**

- 6.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

## **7. Legal implications**

- 7.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

## **8. Equalities implications**

- 8.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

## **9. Climate change and environmental implications**

- 9.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

## **10. Crime and disorder implications**

- 10.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Part of the Committee's remit is to "review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by responsible authorities of their crime and disorder function.

## **11. Health and wellbeing implications**

- 11.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.
- 11.2. *Katie Wood, Scrutiny Manager, [katie.wood@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:katie.wood@lewisham.gov.uk) 020 8314 9446*

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