

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

NOTICE OF MOTION – EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS ON MERTON'S STREETS

Council notes:

According to evidence considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, the merger of the Merton Borough Command Unit with those in Wandsworth, Kingston and Richmond, to create London's largest "Basic Command Unit" (BCU), resulted in a 19% decrease in police numbers across the 4 boroughs.

Council believes:

1. The likelihood is that, due to high crime rates in other parts of the enlarged BCU, the decrease in overall police numbers will have a disproportionate effect on police numbers across Merton.
2. That Cabinet should seek to mitigate the impact of reduced police number in Merton and ensure our community police presence is maintained despite the changes referred to above and ongoing cuts in central Government funding to the Met.

Council resolves:

To request that Cabinet bring forward proposals to take advantage of MOPAC's PartnershipPlus Scheme.

Cllr Paul Kohler

Cllr Hina Bokhari

Cllr Jenifer Gould

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