

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Commission

Date: 11 March 2014

Subject: Policing in Merton

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Recommendations:

- A. That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission discuss and comment on the policing and crime data provided by the Borough Commander.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The data provided in this report arises from request made at previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission plus a meeting between the Borough Commander, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Councillor Jeff Hanna.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Appendix A contains a report from the Borough Commander on police numbers and how these have changed in Merton over the past two years.
- 2.2. Appendix B contains Metropolitan Police performance indicators for Merton and its statistical neighbours as well as totals for the Met as a whole, on a rolling twelve month basis (December 2013) plus the two previous months for Merton only.
- 2.3. The Borough Commander will attend the Commission's meeting on 11 March in order to answer questions on the information provided.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Commission members may choose to ask questions about other aspects of policing in Merton.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. The Borough Commander met with Councillors Peter Southgate and Jeff Hanna plus the Head of Democracy Services in order to ascertain the best way to meet the Commission's information requirements.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. See action plan in the report

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. There are no property or resource implications at this time.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None for the purposes of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

Appendix A – report on police numbers

Appendix B – MOPAC performance indicators

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None