

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Commission

Date: 25 March 2015

Subject: Policing in Merton

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Recommendations:

- A. That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission discuss and comment on the crime data provided by the Borough Commander (see Appendix A) and ask the questions identified at the Commission's meeting on 10 March (paragraph 2.3 below) plus other questions as appropriate.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The data provided in this report arises from a request made at the Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 10 March 2015. The data is in the same format as that provided to the Commission at its meeting on 7 October 2014.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Appendix A contains Metropolitan Police performance indicators for Merton for the past three months on a rolling 12 month basis for Merton plus snapshot information for Merton's statistical neighbours.
- 2.2. Chief Superintendent David Palmer will attend the Commission's meeting on behalf of the Borough Commander on 25 March in order to make a brief statement and answer questions.
- 2.3. At its meeting on 10 March, The Commission requested that the most recent crime data be provided for Merton and its statistical comparators in the same format as provided previously. It also agreed to ask the Borough Commander to answer the following questions in relation to the motion of Full Council on 19 November 2014 (motion is set out in Appendix B) :
- whether a review of the deployment of officers has been carried out and, if so, what was its nature
 - what are the current levels of crime in the three sectors
 - what is the current deployment of officers in each of the three sectors and the rationale for this
 - The Commission understands that of the 300 officers on the borough, 200 are dedicated to specific areas and 100 are retained for flexible deployment. How are these 100 being deployed at present?

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

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

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. Not applicable.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. Not applicable.

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 – MOPAC performance indicators – to follow

Appendix B – Motion to Council 19 November 2014

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None