Safer and Stronger Community Select Committee

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Title: Scrutiny Review of Confidence in and Engagement with the Local Police

Report of the Divisional Director, Adult and Community Services

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Summary:

During the 2014/15 municipal year, the SSCSC agreed to undertake an in-depth scrutiny review into confidence in and engagement with the local police. Appended to this cover report is the draft report arising from this scrutiny, including recommendations. The appended report provides the background to why the SSCSC chose to review this area, the methodology for the scrutiny, what the scrutiny found in relation confidence in and engagement with the local police, and the evidence base for the recommendations made.

The SSCSC was consulted on the draft report in November 2015 and the Cabinet Member for Crime and Enforcement also had an opportunity to review the recommendations.

As standard scrutiny practice, a monitoring report shall be presented to the SSCSC providing an update on the progress of the recommendations in approximately six months’ time, to help the SSCSC evaluate the effectiveness of this scrutiny review and to what extent it has helped improve services for the borough’s residents.

Recommendation(s)

The SSCSC is recommended to agree the appended scrutiny report on confidence in and engagement with the Local Police.

Reason(s)

The Council’s vision for Barking and Dagenham is “one borough; one community; London’s growth opportunity”. To contribute to this vision, and in terms of this scrutiny review, the Council is working to build a community which is confident in the Police and provides opportunities to engage. This is encompassed in the priorities of:

- Encouraging civic pride
- Enabling social responsibility
- Growing the borough
Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None.

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 Scrutiny Report on Confidence in and Engagement with the Local Police.