



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing)

Date: 2nd February 2016

Subject: Provision of Police Community Support Officers in Leeds

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. During the Scrutiny Board's meeting on 13th October 2015, Members discussed a number of community themed matters including the provision of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Leeds. In conclusion, the Board agreed to undertake further Scrutiny of this matter and held a number of working group meetings with the Director of Environment Housing; Chief Officer for Community Safety; and the Leeds District Chief Superintendent to discuss the direction of travel for the funding and allocation of PCSOs funded by the Council within the context of the changing and evolving policing structures in Leeds District and across West Yorkshire Police.
2. This piece of Scrutiny work has now concluded. The purpose of today's meeting is to finalise the Scrutiny Board's conclusions and recommendations to be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration. A draft statement setting out the Scrutiny Board's conclusions and recommendations will be tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration.
3. The Director of Environment and Housing is expected to submit a report to the Executive Board on 10th February 2016 setting out proposed options for the provision of Council funded PCSOs. Once agreed, the Scrutiny Board's statement will also be appended to the Director's report for the Executive Board's consideration.

Recommendation

4. Members are asked to consider and agree the draft statement setting out the Scrutiny Board's findings and recommendations in relation to the provision of PCSOs in Leeds.

Background documents¹

5. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.