

**REPORT TO:** SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

**TITLE:** REVIEW OF POLICING IN THE TOWN – SCOPING REPORT

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<b>Review Topic</b>	Policing in the town.
<b>Links to the Council's priorities</b>	Wellbeing and social inclusion.
<b>Terms of reference (to include the scope of the review)</b>	<p>The Council is not responsible for policing in Harlow, however there have been a number of concerns regarding the practical impact of the approach and resources allocated to Harlow by the Police.</p> <p>The positive operational relationship between the Police and the Council is acknowledged, however a review is requested to examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The police resource currently available in Harlow, both generally and for more specific areas, for example the Town Centre and each of the neighbourhood areas;</li> <li>• The impact on any reductions of numbers and availability of local policing teams in more recent years;</li> <li>• The likely impact of future resources available within the Harlow policing team;</li> <li>• A review of Harlow crime statistics; and</li> <li>• A review of the impact on the Council, residents, businesses, visitors and others.</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose and objective of the review (what the review should achieve)</b>	The review is intended to provide information and to assist Councillors in their understanding of policing in the town and how reductions in police resourcing and other changes may have impacted local residents, businesses, visitors and others.

<b>Methodology/approach (methods to be used for gathering evidence)</b>	The review will be largely conducted through the use of interview/discussions with the Police, and Officers.
<b>Written evidence required</b>	Some written evidence may be provided to support information discussed especially in respect of crime data.
<b>Potential witnesses</b>	Essex Police.
<b>Potential Stakeholder involvement (who are the stakeholders and how will their views be sought)</b>	Representatives from Essex Police will be involved in the scrutiny discussions.
<b>Publicity (methods to be used)</b>	Direct contact with the Police.
<b>Resources (people, expenditure)</b>	Officers' time.
<b>Barriers/dangers/risks (any weaknesses or potential pitfalls in the review)</b>	Willingness of the Police to engage in the review.
<b>Measures of success (how will the success of the review be measured)</b>	The Council has no direct responsibility for policing in the town and therefore cannot enact any findings or recommendations resulting from the review. However, it is hoped that a shared understanding of opportunities and constraints will be gained.