

Questions Submitted by Councillors

On the previous item of the agenda, the Committee has considered a review submission form, setting out the scope for an annual review of policing and community safety. The intention is to invite the Police to give a presentation and take part in a question and answer session at the meeting on 1 December 2020.

Councillors have submitted a number of potential questions for the Police, and these are below. The Committee is invited to decide which questions it wishes to ask, along with the aims and scope of the session. The submitted questions have been split into the Police's priorities, which are:

1. More local, visible and accessible policing
2. Cracking down on antisocial behaviour
3. Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
4. Tackling gangs and serious violence
5. Disrupting and preventing organised crime
6. Protecting children and vulnerable people from harm
7. Improving safety on our roads

Police priority	Questions	Ask Question Yes/No
More local, visible and accessible policing	What progress has been made regarding Policing in the Town Centre and neighbourhood areas?	
Cracking down on antisocial behaviour	<p>What preventative methods are you using to combat issues such as anti-social behaviour?</p> <p>In cracking down on ASB, have there been any multi agency case conferences on ASB in Harlow?</p> <p>Is the use of AirBNB or similar an emerging crime in Harlow? What steps have been taken to close down these venues, referring to party 100+ Nicholls Field or similar music event in warehouse areas</p> <p>What additional resources are being used to address issue of unlawful Traveller Encampments in the absence of current injunction?</p> <p>Because of the enforcement ruling now on face masks and no more than 6 meeting. Do the Police have enough numbers to deal with those residents who disobey these rules under COVID situation?"</p>	
Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse		
Tackling gangs and serious violence	<p>Modern Slavery questions: Is it an issue in Harlow? Have there been any charges brought over the past three years? What was the nature of the slavery – domestic service/prostitution/massage parlours/nail bars/car washing/agriculture/other? Is it something about which we should be aware? How can we be aware? To whom should we report an suspicions?</p> <p>In tackling gangs and serious violence, how successful has Harlow Divn been and where is there a need for improvement?</p> <p>What prevention work is taking place in Harlow Divn to discourage young people from joining gangs?</p>	

	County lines? What is being done to protect those vulnerable of becoming involved in gang related activity?	
Disrupting and preventing organised crime		
Protecting children and vulnerable people from harm	With the high number of Permitted Developments in Harlow and families being transferred from London Boroughs, is information being shared around violence & vulnerability and potential victims?	
Improving safety on our roads	In improving road crime are there any Community Speedwatch groups in the Harlow area?	
Other Questions		
	Overall what are the current issues for your service in Harlow ?	
	What work is being done with victims in Harlow? How many Restorative Justice Conferences have taken place in Harlow Divn?	
	With the reunification of Probation Services taking place in June 2021 what work is being done to ensure Officers are updated on these changes?	
	Are Police Officers fully informed of all adult and youth offenders being released from prison and potential for harm through HMPPS (Her Majesty's Prison & Probation Service)?	
	What impact does the 'Neighbourhood Watch' have around the town at this time and should there be an increase in numbers?"	
	What work is being done to ensure the diversity of Harlow residents is being reflected in the Community Teams?	
	Ask about policing numbers and in particular highlight lack of police action to fight outside pink spice and the drug taking at house party in Bush Fair.	
	Community engagement so a question on that would be good too.	
	Are there any ways that you feel we could/ should improve joint working?	