

REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	13 November 2018
Subject:	Draft Scope for Preventing Youth Crime Review and Highways Maintenance Review
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap (Divisional Director of Strategic Commissioning)
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	Community - Councillor Ghazanfar Ali and Councillor Jean Lammiman Resources - Councillors Sachin Shah and Councillor Janet Mote
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Draft Scope for Preventing Youth Crime Draft Scope for Highways Maintenance

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the draft scopes for the Scrutiny Reviews on Preventing Youth Crime and Highways Maintenance.

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- Consider and agree scopes for the reviews
- Request that Groups notify officers of the membership of the Reviews
- Agree the timing of the Reviews and associated reporting arrangements.

Section 2 – Report

The Scrutiny Leadership Group agreed that two reviews on preventing youth crime, and highways maintenance will form part of the scrutiny work programme for 2018/19.

The attached scoping papers have been drafted with input from Officers and Councillors who met on the 10th of October 2018.

Preventing Youth Crime

It is proposed that the scope of the Preventing Youth Crime Review is to investigate how we might use all of the Council's policies and strategies to contribute to reducing youth crime and anti-social behaviour, and to articulate what a Public Health approach to Youth Crime is and how it would differ from the current one.

The detailed scope is to include:

- To learn from the Public Health approach to reducing youth violence, to identify changes we could make to Council policies and strategies so they contribute to the reduction in youth crime and ASB
- To understand what the drivers are behind the rise in youth crime in Harrow
- To understand the profile of young offenders and victims of youth crime and ASB in Harrow
- To understand what the impact of the tri-borough BCU model is having on the resources available to the local police to put into tackling this agenda
- To inform the re-commissioning of the Council's London Crime Prevention Fund projects
- How to best safeguard young people in care from knife carrying/crime and from gang culture
- Investigate the links between Knife crime, gangs and child sexual exploitation
- Investigate the better use of intelligence to target key people to stop youth violence and deter involvement

Highways Maintenance

It is proposed to carry out a scrutiny review to better understand and influence how Harrow's schedule of highways work is prioritised so as to better inform, engage and consult with residents.

The specific objectives of the review would be:

- To establish the nature of residents' concern about the condition of roads in Harrow and other highways issues, as raised in the Residents' Survey 2017.
- To understand how Harrow's schedule of planned highways maintenance works is formulated and understand the criteria, including financial, for determining in what way works are carried out.
- To ascertain if and how the Council coordinates different types of planned works to roads and pavements.
- To ascertain if and how utilities companies coordinate planned works with the council.
- To investigate how council policies around dropped kerbs and enforcement impact upon the conditions of Harrow's roads and pavements.
- To examine the quality assurance around contractors' performance on highways maintenance, including enforcement by the council of its contractual rights.
- To understand how planned works and their progress are communicated to residents.
- To understand the sources of funding and associated pressures, including TfL involvement, that affect Harrow's highways maintenance programme.

Financial Implications

The costs of delivering these projects will be met from within existing resources.

Performance Issues

There are no specific performance issues associated with this report.

Environmental Impact

There is no specific environmental impact associated with this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risk management implications.

Equalities Implications

The Reviews will consider during the course of their work, how equality implications have been taken into account in current policy and practice and consider the possible implications of any changes they recommend.

Council Priorities

- Build a Better Harrow
- Be more business-like and business-friendly
- Protecting the vulnerable

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Statutory clearances not required.

Ward Councillors notified:	N/A
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

- Draft scopes for the Preventing Youth Crime and Highways Maintenance Scrutiny Reviews