City Management and Public Protection Policy and Scrutiny Committee

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1   Executive Summary

1.1   The purpose of this report is to provide the Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the Policing and Partnership arrangements dealing with Crime, Disorder and Community Safety in Westminster.   The Safer Westminster Partnership is the key statutory body dealing strategically with these issues and a key strategic partner is the Metropolitan Police Service.

1.2   The report below examines the latest police performance and latest policing updates. It also covers issues that are repeatedly raised by residents and communities, such as stop and search.

1.3   The Metropolitan Police Service has been subject to a succession of Government commissioned enquiries in the last year attracting overt criticism in a number of areas. The report contains details of these enquiries and what their response to them has been, and the plans that the police are putting in place to improve trust and confidence with the community.

1.4   As crime and disorder is a shared statutory responsibly Appendix A is a short report showing how the council and the wider partnership supports the police in a multitude of key crime areas. This appendix shows how working together against complex crime issues delivers results.

1.5   It is recommended that the panel identify the key areas of these reports to scrutinise the police in how they carry out their statutory functions within Westminster and deal with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that affect the local residents and communities, whilst noting the extensive joint partnership work that is carried out in this critical space.