

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(1) Questions from David Webb to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection

- (a) How many PSCO have Southend police have now and what powers do they have?**

Thank you for your question Mr. Webb. There are currently 11 PSCOs. The powers of the PSCOs are set out in the separate attachment.

- (b) What is the top crime and disorder crime and how is the police tackling this issue?**

Thank you for your question Mr. Webb. Violence with Injury is the priority crime type we are tackling. Southend currently has a 12.1% reduction year on year in this area which equates to 237 fewer victims. Police are working across the Community Safety Partnership to ensure that a shared awareness and understanding of when this crime type exists, how each organisation can put in place measures within their own organisations to ensure opportunities to identify and support victims are in place, preventative measures are considered and executed and where there is a chance of a successful prosecution that all agencies have a willingness to work together.

Southend has a fantastic partnership ethos; the aforementioned approach has been adopted to address challenges within the Night-time Economy now that the hospitality trade has opened its doors fully again. This is also reflected when dealing with other crime categories such as Hate Crime where agencies have Hate Crime Ambassadors working within their teams to make sure our community have confidence in reporting matters. In the forthcoming weeks we will be introducing an increase in visible Policing in areas where street-based violence has occurred. This provides the officers, dedicated to the visible presence with the opportunity to patrol, on foot with the ability to engage with the community and feedback what responses they get.