

COUNCIL

23 JUNE 2021

ITEM NO: 15

TITLE: "Policing in Greenwich"

PROPOSING COUNCILLORS: Charlie Davis, John Hills, Matt Hartley, Spencer Drury, Pat Greenwell, Matt Clare, Roger Tester, Nigel Fletcher, Geoffrey Brighty

Following the closure of the front desk of Eltham Police Station in 2017, it was recently announced that police officers would be vacating the station permanently from August 2021.

Given the rising levels of crime and anti-social behaviour since lockdown has lifted, Council notes the increased importance residents place on different stakeholders working together to tackle these issues.

While the best resolution to this scenario would be the police remaining at Eltham Police Station, Council acknowledges it is important to explore contingency options.

This Council therefore commits to delivering on the 2018 Greenwich Labour manifesto promise to '*work with the police to ensure that Dedicated Ward Officers are based as close to the communities they serve as possible*' by offering a base for Eltham Safer Neighbourhood police teams at the Eltham Centre if the permanent closure goes ahead.

Additionally, making our town centres a safe place for visitors and residents alike to enjoy will be paramount to ensuring they recover from the impact of lockdown and the pandemic. To this end, Council should work with the police to secure dedicated enforcement teams for each of our Borough's town centres.

This Council calls on the Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement to write to the Chief Superintendent of the South East BCU confirming this offer prior to the July 2021 meeting of Council.

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