

Council: Tuesday, 16 July 2013

Non Executive Business Item: Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner

New Policing Model

Council notes that Barnet recently became one of the first boroughs to launch the new neighbourhood policing model. Council welcomes the fact that this has seen the number of Neighbourhood Police Officers on the streets of Barnet more than double from 38 to 92 through the expansion of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

These changes have undoubtedly strengthened local policing and vindicated the Mayor of London's strategy of prioritising 'bobbies on the beat', which serves as a more reassuring and efficient way of preventing and responding to crime.

Council further welcomes the levelling up of the police force - with more PCSOs being given the chance to become Police Constables – noting that the number of Police Officers in the Borough will increase from 520 to 565 this year.

Council firmly believes that the increased flexibility in the local deployment of resources and the fact that Officers will patrol later into the night, associated with these reforms, will increase the force's capacity to respond to incidents effectively.

Council would like to congratulate the Mayor on his good work and calls on Cabinet to continue to work closely with the Borough Commander to ensure these excellent changes are successfully implemented and that they are fully utilised to crack down on crime in our Borough."

Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.