Key lines of Enquiry – Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 28 January

Community Safety	
Scrutiny Concern	**Key lines of Enquiry**
Benchmarking evidence to ensure effective practices	• How do trends in local crime compare to average regional and national measures and experiences? • How does the CSP compare with other CSPs in the region in terms of working practices and in relation to tackling crime and disorder?
Respond to local needs / local participation	• How are the priorities of the CSP established? • Are local communities involved in establishing these priorities? • What evidence does the CSP provide to show that its work is based on local priorities? Is this evidence robust?
Effective partnership working	• Does the CSP have the best possible partnership working arrangements in place? What evidence is there to support this? • Do the responsible authorities share key crime data efficiently? • Does the CSP allow for joint tasking among the responsible authorities?
Value for money	• Does the CSP represent value for money? What evidence is there to support this claim?
Sustainable	• Have the CSP's solutions and programmes proved to be sustainable? What evidence is there to support this claim?
Improvement / challenges	• Are there improvements that can be made in the CSP's delivery of services? • What are the challenges to this improvement?
Prevent	
Scrutiny Concern	**Key lines of Enquiry**
Effective partnership working	How is the Council working with the voluntary and community sector to promote a better understanding of safeguarding risks presented by online and social media?
Monitoring impact	How does the Council monitor delivery and effectiveness of its and its partner's safeguarding training?
Impact	How does the Council support peer education programmes to promote safeguarding and cohesion within peer groups?
	How does the Council engage local residents in commissioning services and designing programmes / interventions to ensure these are effective?
Budget	
Scrutiny Concern	**Key lines of Enquiry**
Capital programme and strategic plan priorities / deliverability	• How, in general terms does the capital programme meet the Mayor's/Council's corporate objectives? • How confident are you that it can be delivered without unacceptable slippage? • What areas in particular are you concerned about slippage?

	• What contingencies have you considered if delivery starts to be significantly delayed?
Value for money	• Are services providing value for money (VFM)? • How is VFM measured and built into the budget and how does it relate to service quality and customer satisfaction?
Outcomes based budgeting	• How does performance inform choices about where to allocate resources? • What evidence is there to suggest that we are spending allocations well and achieving good outcomes for our residents? • How are you planning to reflect the relationship between Council activities, spend, performance/quality indicator and outcomes in future budgets? • How will budgets become accessible to residents to improve spending transparency?
HRA reserves	• Given the steep decline in HRA reserves between 2019 and 2020, how will the Council deliver planned works under the housing capital programme and maintain the Decent homes Standard after 2019? What contingency has been made for legislative changes in the Decent Homes standard?
Capital Reserves	What is the rationale behind the steep decline in capital receipts reserve after 2021?
Fees & Charges	We discussed fees and charges being set to change behaviours. How are you supporting this approach with further education/publicity?