

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of new local Police Unit  
Inspector Becky Stokes

**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The new Local Police Unit Inspector will introduce herself to members of the Board and outline the work that is carried out in the Widnes Policing Unit.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Board's attention is drawn to the statements below made by Inspector Stokes in taking on the role.

"I'm exceptionally proud to lead a highly motivated and committed local policing team for Widnes. I will support and develop my team to provide a professional and effective policing service that is visible and responsive to the needs of all the residents and local businesses across Widnes, delivering a service our community can be proud of.

We will work closely with individuals, partners and all our communities to understand their priorities and put in place effective solutions to the issues that matter most."

- 3.2 The wards that compromise the Widnes LPU are

Appleton  
Birchfield  
Broadheath  
Ditton & Hale  
Farnworth  
Halton View  
Hough Green  
Kingsway  
Riverside

3.3 Inspector Stokes went on to say:

“My priorities will be focussed around addressing vulnerability within the community, tackling serious and organised crime, antisocial behaviour, roads policing issues and ensuring we maintain effective community engagement so that Widnes can continue to grow into a vibrant and safe community for all to live and work in.”

3.4 Board members will receive a presentation from Inspector Stokes and have the opportunity to ask her questions.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **None**

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

**None**

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

#### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

#### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

**None**

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

**None**

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

**None**

#### **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.