Brief for Scrutiny – Kidsgrove Policing

Topic to be scrutinised

The potential move into Kidsgrove Town Hall and out of Kidsgrove Police Station by the local policing team.

How policing of Kidsgrove and the rural area will look in the future.

Questions to be addressed

- 1. What are the arrangements going to be for this move and for future policing in the area?
- 2. How have these arrangements been developed and what issues have been considered in this development?
- 3. What is the impact of these moves on the community and partners?
- 4. What opportunities are there for partnership working as a result of these moves and what benefits are there for citizens and other key stakeholders?
- 5. What benefits have resulted from any changes and what positive outcomes may be felt in the future?
- 6. What are the timescales for the developments?
- 7. How can local Councillors and community members be kept informed about future changes and what role can they play in assisting these moves?

Outcomes

- 1. Enhanced knowledge and awareness of forthcoming changes
- 2. An understanding of the background and ongoing issues relating to this matter and an ability to consider developments as and when they occur
- 3. An opportunity to put forward possible suggestions for further consideration where possible
- 4. An enhanced understanding and consideration of partnership working and key factors involved in the delivery of safer and stronger communities outcomes

Background materials

Any documentation provided by the Police to the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Evidence and witnesses

- 1. Neil Hulme or another nominated rep, Staffordshire Police
- 2. Partner organisations (if relevant)
- 3. Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holders (if relevant)
- 4. Heads Of Service & Business Managers (if relevant)

Method of scrutiny

- 1. The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview & Scrutiny Committee may wish to examine this Brief and suggest particular areas of focus
- 2. The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview & Scrutiny Committee may wish to agree a proposed methodology for this work, which could include presentations to the Committee members by appropriate partners and/or task and finish groups if felt relevant

Timetable

To be considered at the 30th July meeting of the Cleaner, Safer, Greener Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Constraints

Work is needed to establish appropriate linkages with key Police contacts who the Committee wishes to engage with the process or attend meetings.

Work needed to understand timescales for any proposed moves.

Members to undertake the scrutiny

Members of Cleaner, Safer, Greener Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Support

Chief Inspector, Newcastle Neighbourhood Policing Team

Head of Business Improvement & Partnerships (also TWWW Programme Manager) Heads of Service & Business Managers

Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority area (s)

- o Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- o Creating a Borough of opportunity
- o Creating a healthy and active community
- o Transforming our Council to achieve excellence

CfPS Objectives:

- Provides and critical friend challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers
- Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard
- Is carried out by independent governors who lead and own the scrutiny role
- Drives improvement in public services

Brief approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee Signed

Date