

From: Mike Hill OBE, Cabinet Member for Community Services

To: Cabinet – 12 October 2015

Subject: Kent County Council's responses to the consultations:

- “Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services”
- “Reforming the Powers of Police Staff and Volunteers”

Classification: Unrestricted

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- (1) On 11th September, the Home Office, Department for Communities and Local Government and Department of Health issued a consultation on proposals to increase joint working between emergency services in order to improve effectiveness and deliver savings for the public. The consultation is entitled “Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services”, and this consultation closes on 23rd October 2015. .
- (2) A second consultation has been issued by the Home Office on the way chief police officers designate powers and roles on police staff and volunteers, entitled “Reforming the Powers of Police Staff and Volunteers”. This consultation closes on 31st October 2015.
- (3) The draft consultation responses, setting out Kent County Council's conclusions and recommendations, are appended to this report as appendices 1 and 3.

Recommendation

2. The Cabinet is asked to receive and consider the draft consultation responses appended to this report and endorse their submission to Government.

Background documents:

- *“Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services” Consultation*
- *KCC's draft consultation response to Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services”*
- *“Reforming the Powers of Police Staff and Volunteers” Consultation*
- *KCC's draft consultation response to “Reforming the Powers of Police Staff and Volunteers”*