



- That despite the efforts of our local police partners, Slough continues to have a 45% higher crime rate than the average across the Thames Valley and Thames Valley as a whole continues to have high race disproportionality rates in relation to stop and search and arrests data.

The council notes the proposed reorganisation of Thames Valley Police into 5 new command areas, placing Slough within Berkshire East, alongside Bracknell and Windsor & Maidenhead. Whilst we understand the need to move to a different organisational model, it is vital that the unique needs of Slough, the higher demand within Slough and our residents continue to be best served by the police.

As such, the council resolves to;

- a) Vigorously oppose any loss of a front of house, centrally located police building within the town.
- b) Lobby the Police and crime commissioners for the restoration of Police Community Support Officers across the town back up to 27.
- c) Constructively challenge Thames Valley police force to increase recruitment from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities at all levels of Thames Valley, ensuring that the police service adequately reflects the communities it serves. Ensure that these efforts are included within the annual report to the council.
- d) Ensure that tackling the blight of drug use, and the associated criminality that accompanies it is at the forefront of Slough's policing plan.
- e) Work with police partners to ensure an increase in mandatory, high visible patrols in key retail centres across the town."