

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme - Thursday, 14 January 2015 at 3pm

Attendees

Members

John Scott (Chairman, Markets Committee)
James Tumbridge (Deputy Chairman, Markets Committee)
Henry Pollard (Chairman, Police Committee)
Deputy Doug Barrow (Deputy Chairman, Police Committee)

Officers

T/Assistant Commissioner – Wayne Chance
T/Commander, Operations – Richard Woolford
Director of Markets and Consumer Protection – David Smith
Town Clerks Department – Katie Odling

Response to the Markets and Consumer Protection Committee in relation to the City of London's participation in the Community Accreditation Scheme

Background

At the Markets Committee meeting on 30 November 2015 a report was considered regarding the Smithfield Market Traffic Management Plan. As part of this report, the Markets Committee highlighted that the City of London was not part of the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) although a commitment was previously made in 2014 to review the position. The Markets Committee therefore highlighted that the advice had not changed since 2014 and therefore the Police Committee were asked to consider the matter and respond on progress.

Notes of the meeting

The T/Assistant Commissioner informed Members that the Force had actively reviewed the position upon receipt of the resolution from the Markets Committee. Members were advised that whilst there were clear business benefits for the CSAS in places within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Police, there were no identifiable business needs or benefits for the scheme in the City of London. Members were informed that traffic management around the Market over the Christmas period had improved significantly over the past 2 years.

Members noted that the CSAS would require significant police input and given that Smithfield Market was not an area of concern as regards anti-social behaviour or crime this was further justification for not implementing the scheme. The T/Assistant Commissioner advised Members that the Force takes a clear view to deploy its resources based on the risk of harm.

To conclude, the Force confirmed given there were no business needs for the scheme, they would not be reviewing their position.

The meeting closed at 3:20pm.