

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Subject:** Police Community Support Officer Reductions

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To introduce a briefing by Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, on the effect the proposed reduction in police community support officers (PCSOs) could have on the safety of the residents of Gedling.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Nottinghamshire Police, following consultation, has decided it will be reducing the number of PCSOs from 331 to 251. During the consultation period some PCSOs left voluntarily resulting in the need to make 41 PCSOs redundant. The decision was taken due to the financial pressure that Force is facing and the need to cut budgets, resulting in the introduction of different ways of working to provide an effective service to the public. The review of PCSOs was part of the force's change programme which included a comprehensive review to take account of the changing face of crime and policing.

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- considers and comments on the information provided
- schedules further consideration if necessary.