Note to ECSOSC Chair from Councillor Ben Duncan, Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities and Community Safety

Thank you for the invitation to attend and address this meeting of ECSOSC. Please accept and convey my apologies.

As Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities and Community Safety, I am committed to working with ECSOSC to ensure imaginative scrutiny plays a key role in an open style of decision making and service delivery.

I hope that means I will be invited to future meetings to discuss the Community Safety agenda and the approach we will take, as a Council, to matters of Community Safety.

It's very early in the Committee cycle to set out a detailed agenda at this stage. But we welcome scrutiny input into decision-making and policy issues and will look to refer issues on to scrutiny where there's a good case to do that.

We'll develop the details of how scrutiny and the executive work together in due course and I am, of course, open to suggestions about the details of how we do this.

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