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Status Update to Executive Policy Committee

Winnipeg Police Service Funding Model Project

November 17, 2021

Project Structure and Requirements

As part of the 2021 Adopted Budget, Operating Recommendation W stated:

That Council direct the Chief Financial Officer, to bring forward on or before December 31, 2021 options and recommendation for Council's consideration on a multi-year funding formula for the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that will provide planning certainty for the City of Winnipeg and a sustainable and predictable funding level for the WPS.

As part of the development of the report the public service will

(i) conduct a jurisdictional scan of other formula-driven models for police services;
(ii) work collaboratively to seek input from the Winnipeg Police Services Board, members of Council and the WPS;
(iii) commission a statistically representative third-party survey of Winnipeg residents concerning the funding of the WPS, and
(iv) support the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance through the office of public engagement to hold six events: one city wide event and 5 community committee events (Assiniboia; City Centre; East Kildonan - Transcona, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and Riel) designed to collect input from members of the public including Black, Indigenous and people of colour, LGBT2SQ, community groups and associations.*

The working group is comprised of Elected Official (Councillors Chambers, Gillingham and Rollins) along with members of the Public Service, including the Police Service.

Progress to date:

- The jurisdictional scan was completed and used as input to the other project components
- Five funding model options were developed for public engagement and feedback
- A statistically representative sample of public feedback on the options is complete and results will be used to inform the recommendations
- Scripts are prepared to solicit additional feedback on the options via the City's website in January 2022.

Next steps/timeline:

- Six public engagement events are planned for mid-January 2022 to be led by the Chair of each Community Committee with the support of the Councillors on the working group, the Chief Financial Officer and will be facilitated with the assistance of Communications/Public Engagement team members and an external party.

- These events will consider culturally appropriate settings, event feedback structure as well as accessibility needs (note these events may be conducted using electronic means depending on the Public Health Orders in place at that time).
- Councillors will be provided advance notice of the dates and locations of these public engagement meetings.
- Additional resources will be on hand at these meetings for citizens requiring support.
- Upon completion of the public engagement meetings, the Chief Financial Officer will prepare recommendations as per the Council motion above

Recommendation: The Chief Financial Officer and the WPS Funding Working Group requests an extension of 120 days.

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