

A DIVISION - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the product of public consultation at Police Authority Crime and Drug Teams (PACDTs) in A Division during the period 1 September to 1 December 2005.

INFORMATION

2. During the period this report covers there were three public consultation meetings held in A Division. A matrix attached at Appendix A shows the results of this consultation and a full breakdown of the issues raised. The top three issues causing the most concern for local residents of this area are (in order of precedence);
 - i. **Police resources and staffing** was the main issue of concern at these meeting, this includes perceived lack of policing in rural areas.
 - ii. **Anti-social Behaviour** including complaints against young people as well as adults, intimidation by large gangs congregating in residential areas and the noise nuisance associated.
 - iii. **Call handling/contacting** the police was also a concern for residents, this includes problems with the 0845 number and not being able to contact named officers.
3. The anti-social use of motorbikes/scooters was another issue frequently raised at these meetings. Operation Yokohama was recently re-introduced in the Grimsby area as a result of issues around motorbikes and scooters. The use of S59 powers to confiscate these motorised vehicles is being widely used to some degree of success

DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

4. The issues raised by the public once again do not reflect the priorities of A Division, however, the force now has an incident handling team looking at making improvements to the call handling system, and issues such as Anti-social

Behaviour are being addressed as part of the North East Lincolnshire Crime and Disorder Strategy 2005 – 2008.

5. Conversely, the British Crime Survey has recently shown that perceptions of anti-social behaviour in Humberside is the lowest among our MSF group, with only 10.2% of people polled perceiving ASB at a high or very high level in the area (compared to MSF average of 16.5%).
6. Performance in A Division is currently focussed on addressing a small number of crimes, these are included in the table below showing comparison figures against the previous quarter:

Issue	July - September 2005 (compared to April – June 2005)
Total Crime	Up 1%
Domestic Burglary	Up 13%
Vehicle Crime	Up 8%
Robbery	Up 9%
Violent Crime	Up 1%
Racially Aggravated Offences	Up 117%
Drug Offences	Up 25%

7. The British Crime Survey shows that public satisfaction with Humberside Police is currently 38.2% ($\pm 4\%$). This does not compare favourably with others in our Most Similar Force (MSF) 'family' who exhibit levels between 43.0% – 49.7%.

CDRP PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

8. Safer Communities, the Community Safety Partnership for A Division, is currently ranked 15th out of 15 (worse than peers but showing a clear improvement) in their Most Similar CDRP family grouping despite recording a 13% decrease in the British Crime Survey (BCS) comparator crimes for the last quarter. BCS comparator crimes include, vehicle theft, burglary, bicycle theft, theft from person, vandalism, common assault, wounding and robbery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that: -
 - i. That the issues and concerns raised at PACDTs in A Division be fed into the planning of the budget and setting priorities.
 - ii. Matters of operational policing continue to be referred to the Chief Constable for action.

- iii. The Chief Constable is requested to report to the Authority, under the next agenda item, as to how the issues raised in this report have been resolved.
- iv. This report is forwarded to all A Division PACDT Chairs for their information.

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Background Documents: iQuanta performance figures

Appendix A

	Grimsby North	Grimsby South	Grimsby Central	Immingham	Clee North	Clee South	Total
Complaints against young people						2	2
Anti-Social Behaviour				1	2	1	4
Drug/Alcohol related disorder						2	2
Call Handling/Contacting				2	2		4
Response times/feedback						1	1
Police Resources and Staffing				1	2	2	5
Motorbikes/Mopeds				2		1	3
Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety					1		1
Specials, PCSOs, Wardens							
Vehicle Crime							
Fireworks					1		1
CCTV					1		1
Parking/Obstruction					1		1
Speeding						1	1
Burglary				1			1

Grimsby North and South meetings were held just after the report deadline

Grimsby Central has yet to be established due to the lack of definable community in the area which is the town centre shopping district.