

B DIVISION - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the product of public consultation at Police Authority Neighbourhood Panels (PANels) in B Division during the period 1 September to 1 December 2005.

INFORMATION

2. During the period this report covers there were six public consultation meetings held in B 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. **Motorbikes and mopeds** are causing great concern for local residents at the moment. This includes the use of mini-motos, noise nuisance caused by mopeds and motorbikes in built up areas and their use on open public places and parks.
 - ii. **Anti-social Behaviour** caused by youths and adults, including gangs causing damage, congregating in large groups and intimidation.
 - iii. **Response times** to calls for service and incidents were frequent issues this time round. People are expecting a better response to their calls than the force can provide.
3. Two other often raised issues for communities are call handling and police resources/staffing.
4. The PANels meetings received a number of informative presentations including;
 - Road Safety Quiz – Pete Scott, North Lincolnshire Council
 - Humberside Police Helicopter Support Unit – Kevin Limbert, Humberside Police
 - North Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership – Pete Scott, North Lincolnshire Council

DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

5. The issues raised by the public once again do not reflect the policing priorities of B Division, however, quality of life issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour and road safety are addressed as part of the Crime and Disorder Strategy for North Lincolnshire for 2005 – 2008. Conversely, the latest BCS figures show that perceptions of high and very high instances of anti-social behaviour is the lowest in the Humberside area (10.2%) compared to our MSF group, (average 16.5%).
6. B Division performance figures for crime are currently as follows:

Issue	Reduction April - June 2005 (compared to Jan - March 2005)
Total Crime	Up 1%
Domestic Burglary	Up 6%
Vehicle Crime	Down 9%
Robbery	Up 21%
Violent Crime	Up 4%
Racially Aggravated Offences	Up 17%
Drug Offences	Down 36%

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 Neighbourhoods, the Community Safety Partnership for B Division, is currently ranked 15th out of 15 in their Most Similar CDRP family grouping (shown as worse than peers but improving) despite recording a 2% 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 PANels in B 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 B Division PANel Chairs for their information.

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Background Documents: iQuanta performance data

Appendix A

	Scunthorpe East	Scunthorpe West	Scunthorpe North	Epworth	Barton	Brigg	Total
Parking/Obstruction		1					1
Complaints against young people					1		
Vandalism/Criminal Damage					2		2
Anti-social Behaviour	1		2		2	1	6
Motorbikes/Mopeds		1	1	1	3	1	7
Vehicle Crime					1		1
Speeding/Dangerous Driving		1		1	1	1	4
Call Handling/Contacting				1	1	3	5
Response to incidents	2				2	2	6
High Visibility Patrols				1			1
Praise for the Police							
Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety				1			1
Licensing/Alcohol problems			2			2	4
CCTV				2	1		3
Restructure (local or force)				2			2
Resources/Staffing	1	3		1			5