

D DIVISION - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the product of public consultation at Area Committees and Ward Forums in D Division during the period 2005, and to advise Members on progress towards a more inclusive structure for public consultation in Hull.

INFORMATION

2. The most common issues raised at public forums across the City of Hull are as follows:
 - i. **Motorbikes and mopeds.** This includes the use of mini motos, mopeds and off road motorbikes being used on public open ground and around the streets of built up areas late at night causing noise nuisance and dangers.
 - ii. **Anti-social behaviour** was the second most popular issues for local residents during this period.
 - iii. **Alcohol related disorder** was the third most raised issues with a large number of people claiming that underage drinking and street drinking was causing a major problem in their area.
3. A comprehensive matrix of all issues raised is attached to this report at Appendix A. It shows that another issue of note for local residents is speeding and dangerous driving with a number of people concerned about people still using mobile telephones while they drive.

D DIVISION PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

4. The issues raised by the public do not, once again, reflect the priorities of the Force, however, Young People, Anti-Social Behaviour and road safety feature significantly in the Crime and Drugs Strategy of Hull Citysafe for 2005 – 2008. The British Crime Survey also shows that, although D Division is still the bottom of

their peer group of most similar BCUs, there has been a clear performance improvement over the last quarter.

5. The British Crime Survey does show that perceptions of anti-social behaviour (for the year ending March 2005) is the lowest in the Humberside area compared to our MSF group, with only 10.2% of people polled perceiving that levels of ASB were either high or very high in Humberside. The MSF group average is 16.5%
6. Performance in the Division is currently focussed, to an extent, on the priorities set out in the Police Standards Unit (PSU) proposed disengagement criteria. Current performance figures compared to the previous quarter are set out below:

Issue	July - September 2005 (compared to April - June 2005)
Total Crime	Up 3%
Domestic Burglary	Up 22%
Vehicle Crime	Down 3%
Robbery	Up 25%
Violent Crime	Up 3%
Racially Aggravated Crime	Up 8%
Drug Offences	Down 14%

7. Whilst the figures in the table above show only very minor increases in total crimes in the Hull area, 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' where the average is 45.3%.

CDRP PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

8. Hull Citysafe, the Community Safety Partnership for D Division, is currently ranked 15th out of 15 in their Most Similar CDRP family grouping, showing a 8% rise in the British Crime Survey (BCS) comparator crimes for the last quarter with no apparent change in performance since the last quarter. BCS comparator crimes include, vehicle theft, burglary, bicycle theft, theft from person, vandalism, common assault, wounding and robbery.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CONSULTATION PROCESSES

9. The authority has recognised for some time that whilst the Area Committee and Ward Forums are currently the vehicle for public consultation on policing and crime and disorder matters they are considered by both the Authority and Humberside Police to be less than effective.
10. A series of meetings have been held between the Police Authority, Humberside Police and Hull City Council to resolve this issue.

11. On 3 November 2005 a meeting was held at the Guildhall between the Consultation and Partnership manager and officer, all of the local policing team commanders within the city, area chairs and some council officers. During the meeting the Consultation and partnership manager emphasised that little appeared to have improved in respect of the quality of the consultation since the authority conducted a scoping exercise approximately two years ago.
12. The principle areas of concern were;

Area Committees

- Not an inclusive environment for public debate, the public are only invited, it is not a public meeting where they can take an active part.
- Limited opportunity for the public to engage with the police. The majority of the meeting relates to council business.
- The meetings are adjourned for the policing issues. This means that sometimes no minutes are taken in relation to policing or crime and disorder issues.
- Highly political environment.
- The police input tends to consist of a report on statistics and local policing initiatives which is received by the Committee and seldom debated openly.

Ward Forums

- Variable public attendance which improves when there is a current local issue of concern.
 - Unlike Area Committees no inter party political wrangling but biased political opinions are frequently expressed by Ward Councillors
 - Seldom is there meaningful debate on crime and disorder or community safety issues.
 - No problem solving or outcome or oriented in approach. Often police officers are put under pressure by Councillors.
 - The Police Authority is not a stakeholder and effectively disenfranchised from the process.
13. A number of these views were replicated by the LPT Commanders present and a number of ward councillors.
 14. It was resolved at the close of the meeting that Head of Community development and Customer Care would produce a proposal report, in consultation with Humberside Police and Police Authority, to be considered by the Area Chairs. This report will identify how a model of collective working and consultation can quickly be put in place.

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. It is recommended that: -

- i. That the issues and concerns raised in community consultation in Kingston upon Hull be fed into the planning of the budget and setting priorities at the Police Authority's Priorities and Resource workshops.
- 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 be forwarded to all Area Committee Directors for their information.
- v. Members receive further reports on any proposed consultation model for D Division

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Background Documents: iQuanta performance figures

Appendix A

	Riverside	Park	East	North Carr	Northern	Wyke	West	Total
Parking/Obstruction		2	4			3		9
Speeding/Dangerous Driving		2	3		1	3	1	10
Burglary (Dwelling and non)	1			1			1	3
Anti-social Behaviour	3	1	2	1	3	2		12
Complaints Against Young People	3	1	3	2				9
Alcohol related disorder	4	3		2	1	1		11
Call Handling/Contacting	1	2			2	2		7
Response Times					2	1		3
Motorbikes/Mopeds	2	1	6	3	2			14
Theft of/from motor vehicles					2			2
High Visibility Patrols								
Praise/Thanks								
Violent Crime			2		2			4
Fireworks	1	2		1				4
Staffing/Resources		2			1	1		4