



## **Humberside Police Authority Community Engagement/Consultation**

### **The Strategic Aim**

In compliance with the statutory requirements on police authorities and in accordance with the Corporate Plan of Humberside Police Authority, to ensure that the views, needs and expectations of communities are taken into account in both policy development throughout police force and authority business for the purpose of strengthening the accountability of the police to the public. To empower citizens through active consultation and engagement so that they will become effective and informed participants in solving issues of crime and anti-social behaviour in their communities.

#### **Strategic objectives are:**

1. To ensure that communities have sufficient access to information regarding the delivery of local policing and the decision-making processes that support it
2. Where possible and practicable undertake engagement with our statutory and non-statutory partners and ensure both the force and authority strategies are aligned with those of partners to prevent duplication of effort and cost.
3. All approaches to engage and consult with communities will take into account the differing needs of diverse communities, demonstrating a commitment to equality and ensuring respect for diversity, essential in policing.
4. To exploit the knowledge that Police Authority Members have of their communities, ensuring that it is reflected in decision-making and policy development of both the Force and the Authority.
5. To monitor the environment ensuring that the Police Authority develops its own tactical and targeted engagement processes whenever gaps are identified, ensuring best and most efficient use of resources and greater understanding of community views.
6. To determine what our objectives will be when engaging with communities in terms of problem-solving within communities and of providing Members of the Authority with accurate information on community views and expectations of policing community safety.
7. To ensure that the authority discharges its statutory obligations in respect of Every Child Matters, in particular its obligations to engage with Children and Young People.

## **Methodology**

The methodology used to underpin the strategic objectives of this strategy will be developed in stages.

### **The initial methods employed will be:**

- To issue timely and effective delivery of the Policing Summary to every household in the Humberside Police area prepared in accordance with Home Office guidance (Strategic objective no 1).
- To bring together Elected Members of the Police Authority for the purpose of exploiting their knowledge of their communities (Strategic objective no 4).
- To conduct a review of the public forums operated by the Police Authority on a Division by Division basis.

### **The review to include:**

- Cost benefit analysis
  - A risk assessment (risk to the Authority by the event of discontinuance)
  - Alternative opportunities with partners (Strategic objective no 2 and no 5).
- To review the requirement for the Police Authority to continue to conduct a major public opinion survey annually.

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- The implementation of the proposed Service Level Agreement developed between the Police Authority and the Humberside All Nations Alliance (HANA) if agreed. (Strategic objective no 3).
  - To ensure that the precept survey continues for the year 2009-2010 acknowledging its limitations but accepting its value in raising the profile of the Authority. (Strategic objective no 5).
  - To repeat the mystery shopper exercise in 2009 in accordance with the resolution made by Members of the Communities and Partnership Committee. The exercise will audit progress of the development of Neighbourhood Policing and Citizen Focus Policing. (strategic objective number 1)