

Keeping Local People Informed – The Future Shape of Policing

The 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review presented a number of challenges for police authorities and police forces. We, along with Humberside Police, have been working hard to address these challenges and to ensure that local people remain at the core of policing services in the future. We will continue to involve you in the decision making process.

In the autumn we embarked on a large scale consultation process with local people. This included surveying our Citizens' Panel and the wider community, community groups, focus groups, young people, diverse and minority communities and on-line conversations with our members. This ensures that we have a good understanding of the level of service you want to see being maintained by Humberside Police.

This is what you told us:

- 84.7% of you think that PCSOs are a very or fairly valuable resource to the public
- 85.7% of you think that Special Constables are a very or fairly valuable resource to the public
- 51% of you think that high visibility patrols are the most important feature of neighbourhood policing
- Investigating crimes should be the most heavily invested aspect of policing
- Responding effectively to calls for service should be the second most heavily invested aspect of policing
- In order to achieve their aim of delivering outstanding policing, Humberside Police need to:
 - Answer calls promptly and effectively
 - Respond to calls promptly and effectively
 - Deal with anti-social behaviour
 - Ensure victims are satisfied
 - Continue to reduce crime
 - Provide visible policing

Humberside Police are currently planning how to best deliver the services people want to see. While at the same time making hard choices as to where, how and when they will most effectively spend their reduced budget of £188 million. When these decisions are made, we, along with Humberside Police, will ensure that we keep you informed of the changes that are being made and how this will impact on the service you receive in the future.

We will do this in a number of ways:

- We will use the local media to release information and run events and campaigns
- We will continue to produce newsletters and leaflets containing localised and relevant information about how services may change and what this will mean to you

- We will keep you informed via our website www.humberside-pa.org.uk where we will post press releases and up to date information
- We will continue to work with the local Community Safety Partnerships and Local Authorities to promote our messages and information to their local networks
- We will run more focus groups of local people and stakeholders in order to explore in more detail any effects or changes to policing services

If you would like to sign up to our newsletters please send your e-mail (preferred) or postal address to gill.pike@humberside.pnn.police.uk or call 01482 220789

Responsibilities

The Police Authority is made up of local people including Councillors and Independent Members of the public who are responsible for:

- Setting the budget for the police force
- Engaging with local communities to find out what their policing priorities are
- Setting the strategic direction for policing locally
- Appointing Chief Officers
- Monitoring and scrutinising police performance
- Holding the Chief Constable to account

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about this leaflet or the police budget for 2011/12 please contact the Deputy Chief Executive and Treasurer of Humberside Police Authority on: 01482 220785 or e-mail: staff@humberside-pa.karoo.co.uk



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Where have we been in the last year?

As in previous years, crime has continued to fall, with over 5,000 fewer victims in our area. This shows that the continued excellent work by the Force, its partners and communities is helping to make our area safer year on year.

This consistent approach can be contrasted with the biggest difference we saw in the past year. It started in May with the new Coalition Government making it clear that significant cuts in funding would become a feature of policing in the years ahead. Both the Chief Constable and members of the Police Authority were determined that any changes to policing across the Humberside Force area would only be made after listening to your views. More information on this can be found later in the leaflet.

My big change came in June when I was elected as Chairman of the Police Authority. It was a great privilege and honour to be asked to perform this important role, particularly because of the significant challenges ahead.

At the time of my election I was well aware that the Government had decided that Police Authorities would be replaced in May of next year by directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. I saw it as my task to ensure a smooth a transition into this new way of governing policing, so that the service provided to local people is not harmed in any way.

Where are we going this year?

The Police Authority will ensure that the direction the Force takes in the future will be influenced by what you said in our surveys. For example we will work with the Chief Constable to ensure you are more satisfied and confident in the Force's response to calls for service and how crimes are investigated. Furthermore, neighbourhood policing will remain highly visible and accessible, with Officers and Police Community Support Officers working closely with communities.

In addition we will also continue to look for ways of cutting costs without affecting the quality of service. The best example being future work with colleagues across the Yorkshire and Humber region. Together we recently agreed to commence collaborative projects, namely scientific support and procurement where we aim to save over £30 million pounds before April 2015.

Finally, we will work with Local Authorities and other partners to make the change to directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners as smooth as it possibly can be, keeping you informed as progress is made.

So on behalf of all the members on the Humberside Police Authority we will continue to do our very best to make sure your money is used wisely. We will ensure that it is spent on those things which matter most to you and we will present regular information to show you how the Force is performing.

Cllr Chris Matthews
Chairman, Humberside Police Authority

You told us, so we did...

We will continue to drive improvements in policing based on what you tell us are your priorities locally. Over the past ten months (April 2010-January 2011) successes include:

- All recorded crime fell by 7.4%, that's over 5,000 fewer victims of crime
- Vehicle crime fell by 12.5%, that's over 700 fewer offences
- Robberies fell by 7.0%, that's 36 fewer offences
- Assaults with less serious injury offences fell by 16.4%, that's over 1,100 fewer victims
- Criminal damage offences fell by 16.8%, that's over 2,500 fewer offences

Domestic burglary rates, however, have increased over the same period by 5.0%, that is 188 more homes broken into than the previous year. We are as concerned as you will be to hear this and Humberside Police are currently actively targeting known offenders and providing an enhanced service to all victims of house burglary.

Priorities for 2011-2012

In 2011-2012 the focus will be on:

- Improving local trust, confidence and overall satisfaction
- Driving down levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- Reducing levels of local crime
- Delivering improved performance through the best use of resources
- Ensuring that Humberside Police uses all opportunities to maximise its capability to respond to regional and national threats

Freezing the Council Tax

The Government's proposals for the Spending Review 2011-2015 provide an opportunity for us to be compensated if we agree to freeze the Council Tax.

Humberside Police Authority has therefore agreed that we will take advantage of this arrangement. As a consequence the Authority will receive an additional £1.2m. This is equivalent to an increase of 2.5% on the 2010/11 Council Tax charge. The Government has indicated that this arrangement only applies to 2011/12 and currently there is no information on whether the compensation arrangement will continue beyond 31 March 2015.

Have Your Say

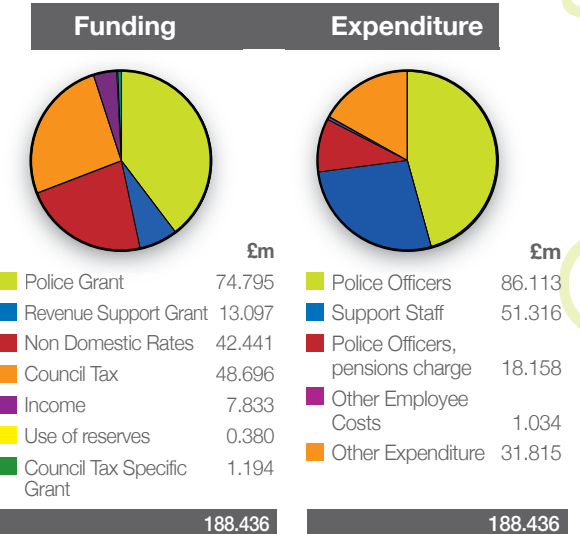
If you would like to share your views with us, or comment about anything you have read in this leaflet, please visit our website, follow the 'Have Your Say' icon and fill in the electronic form.

Money

You will therefore pay exactly the same as you paid last year. The table below shows what you will be paying:

Council Tax	
Band	2011/12 Rate £
A	110.98
B	129.48
C	147.97
D	166.47
E	203.46
F	240.46
G	277.45
H	332.94

The expenditure and funding in respect of the agreed budget is set out below.



The Police Authority has also agreed a Capital Programme of £24.678m for 2011/12.

Spending Category:	£m	Financing:	£m
• Estates	20.025	• Borrowing	23.060
• Vehicles/equipment	1.968	• Capital Grant	1.300
• IT/communications	2.685	• Capital Receipts	0.318
Total:	24.678	Total:	24.678

Staffing Levels

Police Officers	1963
Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)	319
Police Staff	1534
TOTAL	3816

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