

Have **your** say

CHESHIRE Police Authority listens to what people want from their police service. One of the ways that we do this is at meetings which we hold in your area.

Please feel free to attend any meeting in your area so that we can consult you on important policing issues, determine policing priorities and listen to your views and suggestions for improvement.

Meetings will be held on the following Mondays:

- **7 April 2008 at 7pm**
Town Hall, Neston
- **21 July 2008 – Surgery at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm**
Civic Suite, Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port
- **27 October 2008 at 7pm**
Town Hall, Neston
- **26 January 2009 at 7pm**
Vauxhall Suite, Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port

How to get in touch Community Action Team

YOUR local Community Action Team (CAT) is available to solve problems in your neighbourhood. Leave a message on one of the following numbers and they will return your call within two days or email them at the address provided below:-

Ellesmere Port & Neston 0845 458 6373

ellesmere.port.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

neston.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Covering Ellesmere Port, Neston, Stanlow, Ince, Parkgate and Willaston.

Cheshire Police Authority
www.cheshirepa.police.uk

Mission
To work in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and others to assist with community, and public order, and substance and substance in policing.

Vision
To ensure an efficient and effective police service that is built on high standards of integrity and looks at levels of criminality and makes the citizens of Cheshire safe and secure.

Aims

- To assist in addressing a community right performing force.
- To ensure arrangements in place to ensure and continue to be improved by robust governance structures and appropriate Member support.
- To ensure services are more effective engagement with stakeholders.
- To ensure appropriate, efficient and cost-effective use of resources.
- To be a visible leader in policing and community safety.

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Non-emergency calls **0845 458 0000**

only use **999** if...

- There is danger to life
- Multiple use of firearms
- Domestic violence is in progress or likely to occur
- A suspect is nearby
- There is a Road Traffic Collision involving personal injury or danger to others
- A vulnerable person needs urgent assistance

Cheshire **CRIMESTOPPERS**
0800 555 111



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January 2008



Have Your Say Chairman:
Police Authority Member
Michael Darby

This newsletter gives you feedback after the 'Have Your Say' meeting on 29 January 2008 at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall.

31 members of the public, local community representatives and press attended the meeting.

The Authority's Chairman, Peter Nurse and Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood and Area Commander Chief Superintendent Tim Jackson were present to answer questions.

Mr Darby opened the meeting by explaining the role and work of the Police Authority and encouraging those in attendance to contribute to the discussion and stressed that the Authority wanted the public to have their say on policing.

Funding For Policing: Budget Consultation

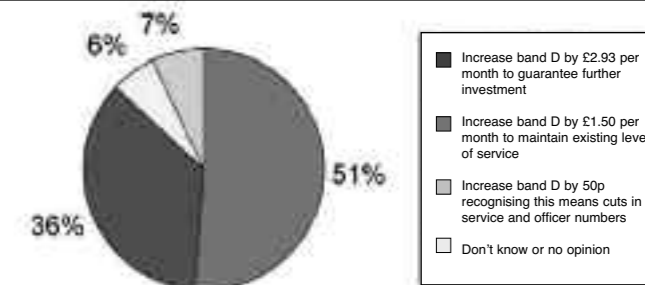
PETER Nurse discussed the Authority's budget for 2008/09 and commented that much consultation had been undertaken with the public on what police services they wished to see improved and how much extra they were willing to pay. 87% of the respondents to a poll by MORI were prepared to pay an extra £1.50 or more per month.

Public opinion

MORI asked 2,400 people – 300 in each borough area – for their views on policing.

79% confirmed that Cheshire Police are currently doing a good or very good job BUT people wanted to see more investment in policing and their priorities are detailed in the table opposite.

On average, people thought 20% of their council tax was spent on policing rather than the 8-9% that the police precept accounts for.



During the last cycle of Forums over half the people who completed a questionnaire supported an extra £2.93 a month or more.

Mr Nurse reminded those present that the police council tax in Cheshire, Halton and Warrington was the lowest of all shire forces and the third lowest in England and Wales. The Authority was considering an increase in council tax of up to 28%, which would mean an average property (Band D) paying £2.93 more per month for policing. This investment would enable the police to further improve police response to incidents, provide more officers on the streets, tackle more serious and organised crime, increased monitoring of sex offenders, greater support for victims and witnesses; deal faster with people in custody; and

continue to provide better customer services whilst reducing crime levels.

The Government was to increase its funding for Cheshire Police by 2.5% - one of the lowest increases in the country – which will not provide enough money to maintain services or allow the investment to deliver the improvements the public want. The Government have also advised police authorities not to set excessive council tax increases or they may intervene.

Those in attendance discussed the budget position and enquired why the proposed increase in council tax was above the rate of inflation; and why Cheshire received a low Government grant, to which the Chairman responded.

● Policing Objectives 2008/09

THE Chief Executive reported that following public consultation a series of proposed objectives had been developed for the Chief Constable to focus on in 2008/09 which included:-

Crime reduction to make communities safer; working with partners to tackle anti-social behaviour and reduce the fear and annoyance caused by alcohol and drug related disorder; community policing to increase public confidence and satisfaction; working with criminal justice partners to bring more offenders to justice; work locally, regionally and nationally to help tackle organised and serious crime; and improve productivity and efficiency to enable the police to become more outcome focused, adding value to front line policing and providing the best possible service and value for money.



● The role of Police Community Support Officers



PCSO Mark Delamere discussed his role and the work he undertook in the area which included high-visibility patrol; visiting schools; working with young people; providing reassurance to victims of crime and the local community; and targeting low level crime and anti-social behaviour. He also attended Community Action Meetings (CAMs) which enabled the public to raise issues of local concern with the police.

Those in attendance asked why he decided to be a PCSO rather than a police officer and whether he considered that society was less tolerant of young people and more likely to call the police to deal with minor local nuisances to which Mark responded. Appreciation was expressed by a representative of a group of vulnerable residents in Stanney to the PCSOs for addressing anti-social behaviour problems in the area.

● 'Police Forums' Review: Feedback

THE Chief Executive circulated a report on the results of the review of Police Forums undertaken in 2007 which many attendees had participated in.

The report detailed the changes and improvements being made to the Forums which included raising public awareness; changing the name to 'Have Your Say' meetings; focusing on more interaction with the public; new venues; varying start times and improved audio equipment.

The Chairman reminded those in attendance that on 21 July 2008 at the Civic Hall prior to the 'Have Your Say' meeting, a Surgery was to be held at 6.00pm where the public could raise any issues of concern in private with local officers.



● Policing in Ellesmere Port & Neston



Chief Superintendent **Tim Jackson**, Area Commander

Chief Superintendent Jackson gave an update on performance, in particular the reduction in recorded crime, burglary, violent crime and vehicle crime and some local incidents of note.

Inspector **Simon Roberts**, Ellesmere Port NPU

Inspector Roberts gave an overview of a number of recent policing operations which included targeting drug dealers on the Stanney Estate resulting in six people being sent to prison; the arrest of an individual in Willaston for supply of class A drugs; the arrest of two individuals for multiple burglary offences; and several operations to target vehicle crime. The Inspector encouraged the public to provide intelligence to the police to enable reported incidents to be addressed.

Inspector **Richard Rees**, Ellesmere Port NPU

Inspector Rees reported on several initiatives undertaken by local PCSOs which included with the Probation Service monitoring offenders undertaking community work and improving road safety with the aid of the Speed Intervention Device (SID); and improving the quality of service given to callers with the introduction of a new system which enabled police officers to make an appointment at an agreed time with victims.

● Question Time

- Q.** What was the police view of the extending licensing laws?
- A.** Chief Superintendent Jackson reported he had a dedicated licensing enforcement officer who worked closely with partner agencies and licensees to offer advice to ensure that premises operated correctly. However, enforcement action was taken where necessary and licensed premises in Ellesmere Port had been closed in the past.
- Q.** The need for the Speed Intervention Device to be installed in urban areas on a permanent basis.
- A.** The Chief Superintendent commented that roads where speeding was an issue were targeted, and the necessary enforcement action with fixed penalty tickets being issued if the problem continued. The Road Safety Camera Partnership studied data on road traffic collisions and injuries and applied a strict criteria to the siting of permanent cameras.
- Q.** The lack of police action taken to prevent travellers staying on the Cromwell road car park.
- A.** Inspector Rees outlined the work which had been undertaken with the travellers and the Borough Council to identify a suitable and permanent site.
- Appreciation was expressed to the local police and partner agencies for the introduction of a 'No Cold Calling' zone in Faraday Road.
- Q.** Concern was expressed about the anti-social use by vehicles on the park area in Pooltown.
- A.** Inspector Rees asked that the questioner speak to him after the meeting.
- Q.** Following on from the Chief Constable's comments about increasing the age to purchase alcohol, the parents of youngsters caught purchasing or drinking alcohol should be advised and to take responsibility.
- A.** Inspector Rees advised that alcohol was confiscated and that a letter was sent to the parents of youths if the incident occurred again. Further steps included working with the parents and individuals; issuing Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and working with licensees.