

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 at 7.00pm on the following Mondays:

- **21 April 2008**
Civic Centre, Toft Road, Knutsford
- **7 July 2008**
Royal British Legion, George's Road West, Poynton
- **13 October 2008**
Royal British Legion, Grove Avenue, Wilmslow
- **12 January 2009**
Methodist Church Hall, Off King Edward St, Macclesfield

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:-

Knutsford 0845 458 6380

knutsford.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Covering Knutsford, Mobberley, Mere, Ashley, Plumley.

Macclesfield 0845 458 6371

macclesfield.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Covering Macclesfield, Poynton, Prestbury, Bollington, Disley.

Wilmslow 0845 458 6374

wilmslow.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Covering Wilmslow, Handforth, Alderley Edge, Styal.

Cheshire Police Authority
www.cheshirepa.police.uk

Mission
To work in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and others to build a safe, secure, and just society, and to ensure the highest standards of performance 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 work in addressing a community right performing force.
- To ensure arrangements to perform and service, underpinned by robust governance structures and appropriate Member support.
- To ensure services are more effective, supported with capabilities.
- To ensure partnership working with the Constabulary and others.
- 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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Macclesfield

January 2008



Have Your Say Chairman:
Police Authority Member
Margaret Ollerenshaw

THIS newsletter gives you feedback after the meeting on 14 January 2008 in Macclesfield. The meeting was attended by 23 members of the public, local community representatives and press attended the meeting.

The Authority's Chairman, Peter Nurse and Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood, the Assistant Chief Constable, David Baines and Superintendent Mick Garrihy were present to answer questions.

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

Funding For Policing: Budget Consultation

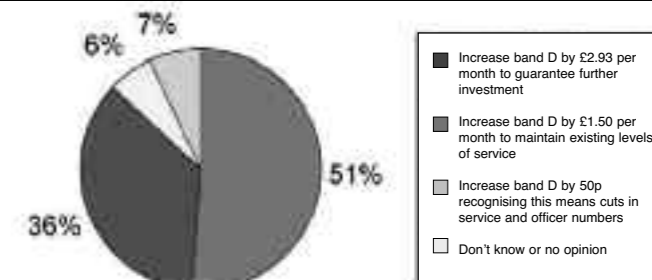
PETER Nurse discussed the Authority's budget for 2008/09 and commented that much consultation had been undertaken with the public on what police services they wished to see improved and how much extra they were willing to pay. 87% of the respondents to a poll by MORI were prepared to pay an extra £1.50 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 about the justification of the proposed increases and the impact on fixed income households; the consequences of being capped by the Government; police pay and the basis and reliability of the results of the MORI poll. The Chairman responded to the comments and advised that the MORI poll comprised of a stratified random selection of 300 residents from each borough and was a respected national organisation which undertook these types of surveys regularly.

The Assistant Chief Constable explained the policing need for increased funding.

● 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 Mandy Simpson discussed her role and the work she undertook in Poynton, which involved high-visibility patrol; visiting schools and working with young people to provide diversionary activities; assisting in road safety initiatives; providing reassurance to victims of crime and the local community; and targeting low level crime and anti-social behaviour issues. She also attended Community Action Meetings (CAMs) which enabled the public to raise issues of local concern with the police.

Those in attendance raised a number of questions including her relationship with regular police officers and her reasons for becoming a PCSO to which Mandy responded.

A summary of a review of the work undertaken by PCSOs was circulated.

● '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.



● Policing in

Macclesfield



Superintendent Mick Garrihy
Eastern Area



Superintendent Garrihy presented an overview of policing in the Macclesfield area which included particularly focusing on prolific and persistent offenders and travelling criminals; targeting alcohol related anti-social behaviour; undertaking covert operations and working with partner agencies to target the sale of alcohol to under 18's; and working with the local community to gain public intelligence in order to reduce incidents of crime.

Details were circulated of local incidents of note and the level of recorded crime, violent crime, burglary and vehicle crime for Macclesfield which had decreased by 13%, 19%, 43% and 14% respectively compared with the same period in the previous year.

● Question Time

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| <p>Q. What was the police's view of the Government's change to the licensing laws?</p> <p>A. Superintendent Garrihy commented that the changes had been challenging with adjustments being made to create longer and later shifts. The police actively worked with all parties involved in the night time economy including licensees, door staff and taxi operators in order to reduce anti-social behaviour incidents.</p> <p>Q. How did the introduction of PCSOs impact on the role of Constables?</p> <p>A. The Superintendent reported that there was a clear distinction between the roles of PCSOs and Constables whilst they both worked together and offered mutual support. PCSOs provided reassurance to the local community, targeted low level criminality and anti-social behaviour incidents and unlike Constables, did not get taken off patrol to complete paperwork or take statements.</p> <p>Q. Clarification was sought on the recording of warnings?</p> <p>A. Superintendent Garrihy advised that police officers had a series of options available to them in dealing with incidents which ranged from referral to the Crown Prosecution Service for charge, cautioning, warning or offering advice. All actions with the exception of advice were recorded</p> | <p>Q. The Prime Minister had recently commented he was surprised that persons caught carrying knives were not taken to court - What was the police view of this?</p> <p>A. Superintendent Garrihy advised that police adopted a low tolerance approach to the carrying of knives. A first offence may result in a caution but all were referred to the CPS for consideration of charging with an offence.</p> <p>Q. How long does an encounter under the Stop and Search procedure remain on record?</p> <p>A. The Assistant Chief Constable advised that the Government required all occasions when a police officer stopped a member of the public to make a record of that stop. All the information captured under stop and search form was retained for four years. The Government introduced the system to safeguard the public against the use of such a process by the police.</p> <p>Q. Did the police work with the private sector in relation to management training?</p> <p>A. The Superintendent confirmed that training was undertaken with some organisations within the private sector which included leadership and improving performance management training and that all staff were assessed on their capabilities.</p> |
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