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Essex Police Authority

Report of meeting held on 6 June 2011 (For information)

1. Chief Constable's Report

A full copy of the Chief Constable's Quarterly Report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2011 is contained in our meeting's agenda and further copies are available on our website at www.essex.police.uk/authority

The Chief Constable informed us that:

- Crime in Essex continues to fall. For the year 2010/11, Essex Police recorded 1351 fewer crimes compared to 2009/10 and is now at the lowest recorded figure for the past 11 years. There were fewer offences of dwelling burglary, racially aggravated crime and serious violence..
- There have also been 6816 fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded in 2010/11 compared to the same period in 2009/10 which represents a reduction of 8.7%.
- The Force is ranked fourth in our Most Similar Forces (MSF) group¹ for crimes per head of population (i.e. the fourth lowest crime rate) for the period January to March 2011.
- Neighbourhood Resolutions, Triage and conventional sanctioned detections have produced an overall 'solved rate' for the year 2010/11 of 33.12%. Sanctioned detections in 2009/10 were 33.5% which excluded Triage and Neighbourhood Resolutions (introduced in May 2010). The solved rate has not fallen from 2009/10 to 2010/11. There was not a solved rate in 2009/10. 33.5% (2009/10) and 33.12% (2010/11) are not directly comparable as they are two different measures.
- The percentage of victims satisfied with being kept informed of the progress of the police investigation is 76.8%² for 2010/11, a rise of 3.6% points compared to 2009/10 and the best ever recorded.
- 27 organised crime groups have either been disrupted or dismantled in 2010/11 compared to 17 in 2009/10 which represents a 58.8% increase and also means that we have exceeded our target for the year.
- Road traffic casualties amounted to 54 people killed and 746 people seriously injured between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011. This means three more fatalities and 13 more serious casualties over this period compared to the same period in 2009/10.
- The number of suppliers of Class A drugs who have been charged in 2010/11 has increased by 136.4%
- During the last quarter Essex Police has joined all other forces in England and Wales in announcing a national non-emergency telephone number for the police. The 101

¹ The 2010/11 MSF group for Essex includes Avon & Somerset, Cambridgeshire, Devon & Cornwall, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent and Leicestershire. The ranking refers to Essex position within the MSF group.

² Margin of error +/- 1.7%



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number (introduced on 1 July) will be **cost neutral to the force** and will replace the existing 0300 333 4444 non-emergency telephone number.

- Under the proceeds of crime act the Force has achieved a 219.7% increase in seizures this year: £3,826,939 in 2010/11 compared to £1,197,086 for 2009/10.
- The number of complaints for incivility and neglect of duty have seen a reduction of 14.3% in 2010/11 when compared to 2009/10.
- The Force has exceeded its objective to deliver further savings of £8,600,000 in 2010/11.

- Force actual strength as of 31st March 2011 was:

3562 Police Officers
2011 Police Staff
404 PCSOs
617 Special Constables

- On 22 and 23 March at the National Policing Improvement Agency, Ryton, the Kent and Essex police authorities and forces hosted a national conference, 'Collaboration: Saving Money, Improving Performance'. It was well attended and speakers included the Policing Minister, Nick Herbert MP.

Cllr Anthony Jackson
Chairman of the Authority and the person
appointed by the Police Authority to answer
questions at meetings of the County Council relating
to the discharge of the Authority's functions.

Note:

The Essex Police Authority is an independent organisation whose job it is to support, oversee and challenge the work of Essex Police. We act as a link between the public and the police service.

We are a group of 17 local people who hold the police to account, making sure the chief constable delivers a police service which balances both national strategic priorities and the concerns of local people. We appoint the chief constable and other senior officers and check on complaints against the police.

We set the strategic direction of local policing and hold the police budget. We consult with local communities to find out what they want from local policing and set the police council tax to ensure they obtain value for money. We publish an annual plan based on public consultation, setting out services the force should deliver and targets it should achieve.

We have a legal duty to promote equalities and good relations between different groups of people and encourage representatives from all sections of the community to apply to become a member.