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Essex Police Authority

Report of meeting held on 6 September 2010 (For information)

1. Chief Constable's Report

A full copy of the Chief Constable's Quarterly Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2010 is contained in our meeting's agenda and further copies are available on our website at www.essex.police.uk/authority

As the Council will be aware, in his quarterly report to the Police Authority, the Chief Constable reviews the Force's performance against the Essex Policing Plan and includes other items of interest. The primary objectives for Essex Police being:

- Improve public confidence in policing;
- Deliver our Policing Pledge to the public;
- Reduce recorded crime focusing on a number of specific crime types, anti-social behaviour and repeat incidents of domestic violence;
- Increase the detection rates for key serious crime types and dismantle organised crime groups;
- Reduce the risk of harm to our communities by tackling the supply and misuse of illicit drugs;
- Reduce the risk of harm to our communities by addressing specific areas of our protective services capability;
- Have an effective and representative workforce;
- Deliver even better value for money.

The Chief Constable informed us:

- That crime in Essex continues to fall. For the first three months of 2010/11, Essex Police recorded 472 fewer crimes compared to the first three months of 2009/10. This represents a 1.7% reduction in total crime. Furthermore, there were fewer dwelling burglary offences, serious violent crime offences, assault with less serious injury offences and racially-aggravated crime offences.
- There have also been 2,707 fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded in the first three months of 2010/11 compared to the same period in 2009/10.
- That the Force have extended its range of methods for dealing with offenders to allow greater discretion for officers to deal with crimes at an appropriate level. Neighbourhood Resolutions have been introduced for low-level offences and anti-social behaviour. They are generally used when the person is a first-time offender and it is seen as appropriate, by police and by the victim, for the offender to resolve to the satisfaction of the victim through an apology, financial recompense, or similar.



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- That Essex Police took part in the national ACPO Summer Drink Drive Campaign, designed to highlight the dangers of drinking and driving. During the period 2,556 roadside tests were conducted with a failure rate of 6.65% (170 fail / refuse).
- That as part of the Bikesafe initiative, Essex Police have been working with Essex County Council to run 'PIT STOP' events. These take place on priority motorcycle KSI routes where communities have expressed a feeling of vulnerability at weekends from increased motorcycle traffic. All motorcycles are stopped and invited onto an off-road site where they are offered complimentary refreshments, provided by Essex County Council, and the chance to receive an observed ride out by a police motorcycle rider. Individuals are also encouraged to commit to the national Bikesafe training courses. Each event attracts between 200 – 400 riders.
- That Essex Police's continuing success in reducing crime shows the Force ranked second in our Most Similar Forces (MSF) group¹ for crimes per head of population (i.e. the second lowest crime rate).
- That gun crime is showing a continuing downward trend during this period with a 20% decrease on the same period last year, with 32 offences reported during the period. Knife crime has also shown a reduction of 15% on the same period last year, with 134 offences recorded compared with 157 in 2009/10.

Essex Local Policing Plan 2010/11 Objectives and Targets

FORCE 2010/2011	TARGET	CUMULATIVE TARGET	APR '09 TO JUN '09	APR '10 TO JUN '10	Better/Worse than Previous Period (%)	Better/Worse than Target (%)	Most Similar Forces ranking ²	
			YEAR TO DEC '09	YEAR TO MAR '10			YEAR TO MAR '10	YEAR TO DEC '09
FORCE OBJECTIVE 1 Improve Confidence in Policing Increase the % of respondents tending to 'agree' or 'strongly agree' that: 'The police and local council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area'	57.5%	57.5%	57.9%	56.5%	-1.4	-1.0	1	1
FORCE OBJECTIVE 2 Delivering our Policing Pledge Meet the National Call Handling Standards for the percentage of emergency response incidents attended within standard* (15 mins in urban areas, 20 mins in rural areas) (*nationally set target time)	90.0%	90.0%	92.5%	86.9%	-5.6	-3.1		

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 MSF (and MSBCU) rankings are colour coded to show performance in relation to the MSF average for a particular indicator – Green=Better than MSF average; Red=Worse than MSF average; Black=equal to the average.



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FORCE OBJECTIVE 2				APR '09 TO JUN '09	APR '10 TO JUN '10				
Satisfaction with service									
Being kept informed of progress	80.0%	80.0%		72.5%	78.6%	6.1	-1.4	7	6
The overall service provided	86.0%	86.0%		85.0%	87.1%	2.1	1.1	5	4
FORCE OBJECTIVE 2				YEAR TO DEC '09	YEAR TO MAR '10			YEAR TO MAR '10	YEAR TO DEC '09
To reassure the public									
Reduce the % of people who perceive anti-social behaviour as a problem in their area	9.0%	9.0%		10.0%	11.0%	1.0	2.0	3	1
FORCE OBJECTIVE 3				APR '09 TO JUN '09	APR '10 TO JUN '10			Current	Previous
Crime Reduction									
All crime ³	103748	25937		27574	27102	-1.7	4.5	2	2
Burglary dwelling	6575	1644		1556	1526	-1.9	-7.2	4	5
Serious violent crime	915	229		227	226	-0.4	-1.2	6	6
Assault with less serious injury	8477	2119		2385	2350	-1.5	10.9	3	2
Racially-aggravated crime	822	206		229	226	-1.3	10.0	4	4
Incidents of anti-social behaviour	76663	19166		22256	19549	-12.2	2.0		
By 31/12/2010 we will have established a numerical baseline against which we can set a target									
FORCE OBJECTIVE 4				APR '09 TO JUN '09	APR '10 TO JUN '10				
Drugs									
Increase the number of suppliers of Class A drugs who are charged	150	38		25	19	-24.0	-49.3		
FORCE OBJECTIVE 5				APR '09 TO JUN '09	APR '10 TO JUN '10				
Crime detection									
Robbery sanction detection rate	22.0%	22.0%		16.7%	14.5%	-2.2	-7.5	8	8
Burglary dwelling sanction detection rate	23.0%	23.0%		26.1%	16.6%	-9.5	-6.4	5	3
Serious violent crime sanction detection rate	52.0%	52.0%		48.5%	45.1%	-3.4	-6.9	7	7
Serious sexual offences sanction detection rate	27.0%	27.0%		22.8%	19.0%	-3.8	-8.0	8	8
Racially-aggravated crime sanction detection rate	47.0%	47.0%		43.7%	38.5%	-5.2	-8.5	7	6
FORCE OBJECTIVE 5				APR '09 TO JUN '09	APR '10 TO JUN '10				
Crime detection									
Dismantle Organised Crime Groups	20	5		3	4	100.0	-100.0		
FORCE OBJECTIVE 5				APR '09 TO JUN '09	APR '10 TO JUN '10				
Crime detection									
Under the proceeds of crime act we will have seized	£1,750,000	£437,500		£256,883	£266,568	3.8	-39.1		

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							DEC '09	SEP '09
FORCE OBJECTIVE 6 Partnership Objective								

³ All Crime - is the total crime recorded by the Force – it is not a total of the Force Objective offences listed in the report.

⁴ MARAC – those victims (cases) of domestic violence referred to a MARAC will be those who have been identified as high or very high risk (i.e. of serious injury or of being killed). For the purposes of this indicator, a case should be defined as a combination of a victim and a perpetrator (or groups of perpetrators) being reviewed at the same MARAC.



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We will have established a Counter-Terrorism Division, aligning the command structures of the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit and the Force Special Branch by 30th June 2010								
Achieved								
FORCE OBJECTIVE 6 Road traffic								
Reduce the number of road traffic casualties involving death or serious injury	775	194	202	211	4.5	8.9	6	8
FORCE OBJECTIVE 7 Develop workforce								
Enhance workforce planning capability to better predict and fill Sergeant vacancies	10	10.0	39.8	27.5	-30.9	175.0		
FORCE OBJECTIVE 7 Develop workforce								
Reduce the number of complaints for incivility or neglect of duty	692	173	180	152	-15.6	-12.1		
FORCE OBJECTIVE 8 Deliver better value								
Deliver further savings of £8.6 million	£8,600,000	£2,150,000	n/a	£6,875,000	n/a	219.8		

Green indicates an improvement in performance compared with the previous period
 Red indicates a decline in performance compared with the previous period

	2010/11		2009/10	
	Target	KSI Casualties	Target	KSI Casualties
Apr - June	194	211	190	202
July - Sept	194		190	224
Oct - Dec	194		190	192
Jan – Mar	194		190	156

Offence	Number of Fixed Penalty Tickets issued
Excess Speed (30 mph)	1428
Excess Speed (40 mph)	138
No seat belt	3413
Use of mobile phone	2240



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999 and Non Emergency Call Handling

Information Type	Target	Division	Qtr 1 2009	Qtr 1 2010	01/04/ 2009 -	01/04/ 2010 -	
<u>Fir Call Handling (Including Abandoned)</u>							
999 Calls	90%	Force	96.1%	94.4%	96.1%	94.4%	▼
Non 999 Calls	90%	Force	93.8%	88.1%	93.8%	88.1%	▼
Abandoned Rate (Non 999 Calls)	2%	Force	0.8%	1.5%	0.8%	1.5%	▲
<u>Switchboard (For Primary & Returned Calls)</u>							
	90%	Force	94.3%	92.8%	94.3%	92.8%	▼

Force Strength

	Strength (FTE)	30 th Jun 2010	30 th Jun 2005	% Change Increase
Police Officers	Budgeted	3644	3203	13.8%
	Actual	3599	3224	11.6%
Police Staff	Budgeted	2224	2099	5.9%
	Actual	2126	2058	3.3%
Police Community Support Officers	Budgeted	470	195	141.0%
	Actual	439	180	143.9%
Special Constabulary	Budgeted	650	502	29.5%
	Actual	676	357	89.3%

Please note that the Force strength figures are continually changing and the numbers quoted above represent a snapshot and do not include seconded officers or career breaks.



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2. Initial Essex Police Authority (EPA) response to plans for policing reform

The authority considered a report (EPA/172/10) by the Chief Executive inviting Members to agree the authority's response to the Government's plans for policing reform as set out in the consultation document 'Policing in the 21st Century': Reconnecting Police and the People.

The Committee agreed that EPA's response be sent directly to the Home Office by the deadline 20 September 2010 and that the APA be copied in.

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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