



14 March 2011

## Essex Police Authority

### Report of meeting held on 14 March 2011 (For information)

#### 1. Chief Constable's Report

A full copy of the Chief Constable's Quarterly Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2010 is contained in our meeting's agenda and further copies are available on our website at [www.essex.police.uk/authority](http://www.essex.police.uk/authority)

The Chief Constable informed us that:

- A second Essex Police Rural Policing Conference was held in November 2010 attracting various agencies where good practice was shared
- There are now five Farmers' Neighbourhood Action Panels in Essex.
- Operation VELO 2010 ended on 5<sup>th</sup> November. In excess of 100,000 miles were patrolled; over 150 arrests and over 1,500 stop checks were made by officers on pedal cycles
- The Essex Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator of 2010 Award Ceremony took place in December 2010.
- Between 01/12/10 and 01/01/11 Essex Police ran a drink drive campaign. A total of 5,279 drivers were tested and 181 (3.43% of all those tested) refused or failed the roadside test
- A multi agency road safety operation including ECC led to 2252 vehicle stops, the issue of 1244 Fixed Penalty Notices, 31 vehicle seizures, 139 other offences identified and 13 arrests
- 41 people were killed and 574 seriously injured between 1st April and 31st December 2010. There were two more fatalities over the same period compared to last year
- Gun crime fell by 16% when compared to the same period in 2009 and knife crime has reduced by 15%
- Crime in Essex continues to fall. For the first nine months of 2010/11, Essex Police recorded 1956 fewer crimes compared to the first nine months of 2009/10. This represents a 2.5% reduction in total crime. There were fewer offences of dwelling burglary, serious violence, assault with less serious injury and racially-aggravated crime

- There have also been 7402 fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded in the first nine months of 2010/11 compared to the same period in 2009/10 which represents a reduction of 11.5%
- The Force has 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. This is a victim-based approach. It is generally used when the person is a first-time offender to resolve the incident to the satisfaction of the victim through an apology, financial recompense, voluntary work or similar.
- As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, the force had resolved 2,645 crimes by way of neighbourhood resolution. This accounted for approximately 3.5% of solved crime. By far the greatest number of neighbourhood resolutions are delivered for low value criminal damage and minor violence. During the reporting period, 1,138 offences were dealt with by Neighbourhood Resolution.
- Force strength as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 was:
  - 3592 Police Officers
  - 2051 Police Staff
  - 409 PCSOs
  - 660 Special Constables
- Under the Joint Director of IT, work continues to progress towards the implementation of converged IT applications and infrastructure in order to support collaboration across all areas of both Kent and Essex Police

#### **Essex Police Local Policing Plan**

2. We have given our approval to the annual Essex Local Policing Plan 2011/12 as well as the three year strategy. The strategy sets a clear direction for policing Essex over the next three years and provides the framework for the annual plan.

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