



6 December 2010

Essex Police Authority

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

1. Chief Constable's Report

A full copy of the Chief Constable's Quarterly Report for the period 1 July to 30 September 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:

Following the removal of the Policing Pledge by the Home Secretary in June 2010, Essex Police is now introducing its own Service Standards ensuring the public continue to receive the same high-quality policing service.

Essex Police continues to work in partnership with the Essex Casualty Reduction Board implementing an enforcement, education and engagement strategy to make Essex roads safer.

During August and September, Essex Police was featured on 'Emergency Bikers' - a Channel 5 documentary which highlighted the vital role of the force's Motorcycle Unit in a range of police activities. Following the first successful series, a second series is now being planned by Channel 5.

An indication of some activities undertaken by the Operational Policing Command (OPC) during this period is represented in the table below.

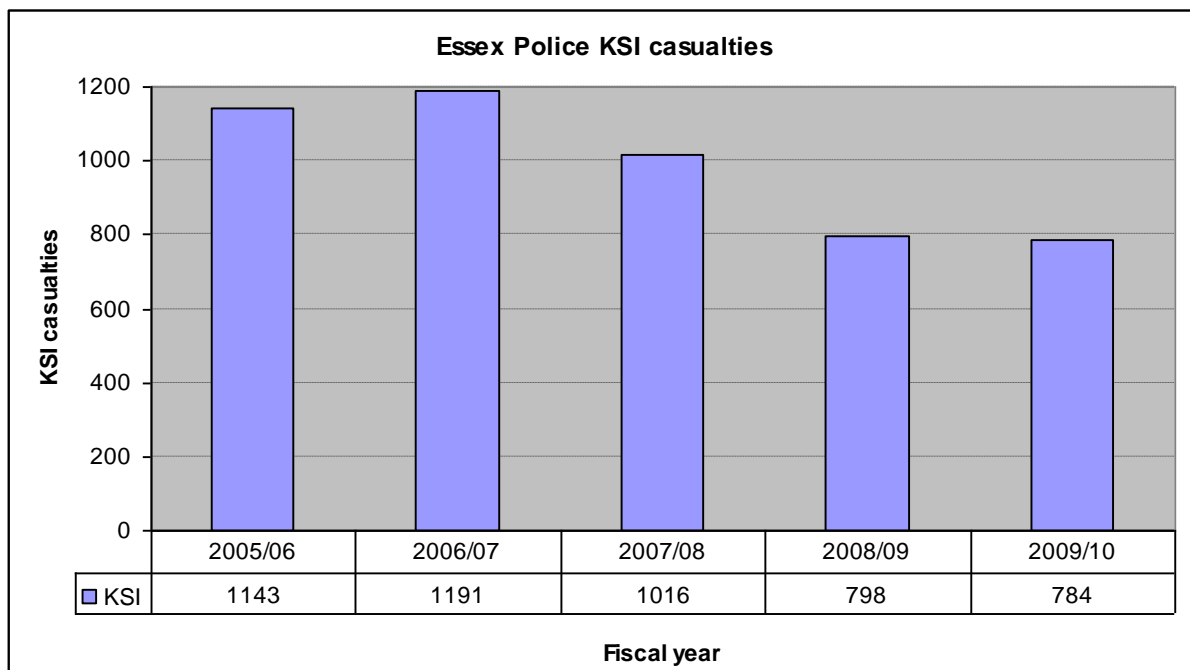


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Offence	Number of Fixed Penalty Tickets issued
Excess speed (30mph)	957
Excess speed (40mph)	176
No seat belt	1357
Use of mobile phone	1494

The number of people killed or seriously injured in road collisions has seen a 1.1% (5 KSI) reduction this year to September 2010 compared to the same period last year.

The chart below shows the downward trend in road traffic-related KSIs up to 2009/10.



Over six days police officers, special constables and police staff undertook 1,300 tours of duty at the V Festival. Compared to 2009 the Festival saw an increase in recorded crime of 54%.

Together with partners, Essex Police continues to introduce initiatives to reduce offending by young people. Since April 2009 the Triage model in Southend has provided a new option for early diversion of young offenders involved in low level criminality who have a low risk of re-offending.

The number of gun and knife crime related offences. Gun crime has fallen by 10% for April to September 2010 compared with April to September 2009. For the same period there was a 4% fall in knife crime.



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Gun Crime Offences - Force Level				
	2009/10	2010/11	# Diff.	% Diff.
Apr - Jun	40	32	-8	-20%
Jul - Sep	40	40	0	0
Oct - Dec	32			
Jan - Mar	26			
Apr - Sep	80	72	-8	-10%

For the purpose of this report, 'gun crime' is taken to mean selected offences against the person and relevant burglary offences but excludes offences involving pepper spray and cs gas.

Knife Crime Offences - Force Level				
	2009/10	2010/11	# Diff.	% Diff.
Apr - Jun	157	134	-23	-15%
Jul - Sep	159	170	11	7%
Oct - Dec	178			
Jan - Mar	185			
Apr - Sep	316	304	-12	-4%

For the purpose of this report, 'knife crime' is taken to mean offences involving a knife or sharp instrument used as a weapon.

Crime in Essex continues to fall. For the first six months of 2010/11, Essex Police recorded 478 fewer crimes compared to the first six months of 2009/10.

There have been 5421 fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded in the first six months of 2010/11 compared to the same period in 2009/10 which represents a reduction of 11.7%.

13 organised crime groups have either been disrupted or dismantled in the first six months of 2010/11 compared to eight for the same period 2009/10 which represents a 62.5% increase.

The percentage of people who 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' has increased to 57.3% for the year to June 2010.

The percentage of victims satisfied with being kept informed of the progress of the police investigation is 77.6% for the first six months of 2010/11, a rise of 5.4% points compared to the same period in 2009/10.

The percentage of victims satisfied with the overall service provided by the police is 85.2% for the first six months of 2010/11, a rise of 0.5% points compared to the same period in 2009/10.



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Essex Local Policing Plan 2010/11 Objectives and Targets

FORCE 2010/2011	TARGET	CUMULATIVE TARGET	YEAR TO MAR '10	YEAR TO JUN '10	Better/Worse than Previous Period (%)	Better/Worse than Target (%)	Most Similar Forces ranking ¹	
							YEAR TO SEP '10	YEAR TO JUN '10
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'							YEAR TO JUN '10	YEAR TO MAR '10
	57.5%	57.5%	56.5%	57.3%	0.8	-0.2	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)							YEAR TO JUN '10	YEAR TO MAR '10
	90.0%	90.0%	92.0%	88.0%	-4.0	-2.0		
Satisfaction with service							YEAR TO JUN '10	YEAR TO MAR '10
Being kept informed of progress	80.0%	80.0%	72.2%	77.6%	5.4	-2.4	5	7
The overall service provided	86.0%	86.0%	84.7%	85.2%	0.5	-0.8	5	5
Reassuring the public							YEAR TO JUN '10	YEAR TO MAR '10
Reduce the % of people who perceive anti-social behaviour as a problem in their area	9.0%	9.0%	11.0%	11.2%	0.2	2.2	3	3
FORCE OBJECTIVE 3 Crime Reduction							3 MONTHS TO SEP '10	3 MONTHS TO JUN '10
All crime ²	103748	51874	54058	53580	-0.9	3.3	3	2
Burglary dwelling	6575	3288	3135	2992	-4.6	-9.0	3	4
Serious violent crime	915	458	444	442	-0.5	-3.4	6	6
Assault with less serious injury	8477	4239	4677	4557	-2.6	7.5	2	3
Racially-aggravated crime	822	411	466	436	-6.4	6.1	4	4
Incidents of anti-social behaviour	76663	38332	46378	40957	-11.7	6.8		
% Repeat incidents of domestic violence cases reviewed at MARAC ³	By 31/12/2010 we will have established a numerical baseline against which we can set a target							

¹ 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.

² All Crime - is the total crime recorded by the Force – it is not a total of the Force Objective offences listed in the report.



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FORCE OBJECTIVE 4 Drugs

Increase the number of suppliers of Class A drugs who are charged

150 75 52 67 28.8 -10.7

FORCE 2010/2011	TARGET	CUMULATIVE TARGET	APR '09 TO SEP '09	APR '10 TO SEP '10	Better/Worse than Previous Period (%)	Better/Worse than Target (%)	Most Similar Forces ranking	
							12 MONTHS TO SEP '10	12 MONTHS TO JUN '10
FORCE OBJECTIVE 5 Crime detection								
Robbery sanction detection rate	22.0%	22.0%	16.4%	19.3%	2.9	-2.7	8	8
Burglary dwelling sanction detection rate	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	16.8%	-6.2	-6.2	5	5
Serious violent crime sanction detection rate	52.0%	52.0%	48.0%	47.3%	-0.7	-4.7	7	7
Serious sexual offences sanction detection rate	27.0%	27.0%	26.8%	21.3%	-5.5	-5.7	8	8
Racially- aggravated crime sanction detection rate	47.0%	47.0%	42.5%	37.2%	-5.3	-9.8	7	7
Dismantle Organised Crime Groups	20	10	8	13	62.5	30.0		
Under the proceeds of crime act we will have seized	£1,750,000	£875,000	£420,169	£519,010	23.5	-40.7		
FORCE OBJECTIVE 6 Partnership Objective								
We will have established a Counter- Terrorism Division, aligning the command structures of the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit and the Force Special Branch by 30 th June 2010	Achieved							
Road traffic							3 MONTHS TO MAR '10	3 MONTHS TO FEB '10

³ 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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Reduce the number of road traffic casualties involving death or serious injury	775	388	436	431	-1.1	11.2	7	6
FORCE OBJECTIVE 7 Develop workforce								
Reduce Sergeant Vacancies	10	10.0	47.01	15.09	-67.9	50.9		
Reduce the number of complaints for incivility or neglect of duty	692	346	437	314	-28.1	-9.2		
FORCE OBJECTIVE 8 Deliver better value								
Deliver further savings of £8.6 million	£8,600,000	£4,300,000	n/a	£8,600,000	n/a	100.0		

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

		Quarterly Results				Year to Date		
Information Type	Target	Qtr 1 2009	Qtr 2 2009	Qtr 1 2010	Qtr 2 2010	2009	2010	
FIR Call Handling								
999 Calls	90%	96.1%	98.0%	94.4%	92.3%	97.1%	93.3%	▼
Non 999 Calls	90%	93.8%	95.6%	88.1%	83.7%	94.8%	85.8%	▼
Abandoned Rate (Non 999 Calls)	2%	0.8%	0.4%	1.5%	2.0%	0.6%	1.7%	▼
Switchboard (Primary & Returned Calls)	90%	94.3%	93.5%	92.8%	90.3%	93.9%	91.5%	▼

999 call handling performance has remained above target for the second quarter this year

Force Strength

	Strength (FTE)	30 th Sept 2010	30 th Sept 2005	% Change Increase
Police Officers	Budgeted	3639	3232	12%
	Actual	3628	3178	14%



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Police Staff	Budgeted	2196	2111	4%
	Actual	2069	2065	1%
PCSOs	Budgeted	469	205	129%
	Actual	419	193	145%
Special Constabulary	Budgeted	650	502	30%
	Actual	679	378	80%
<i>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.</i>				

ROBERT P CHAMBERS

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



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