



IPSWICH EAST PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was held at Nansen Road Baptist Church Hall, Nansen Road, Ipswich on Monday 19 September 2016 at 18:30 hrs.

PRESENT:

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Chris Bland (CFO to the PCC), Sandra Graffham (Communications Manager), Tim Passmore (Police & Crime Commissioner) and Melissa Turner (PA to the PCC).

Suffolk Constabulary

Inspector Roger Salmon (Locality Inspector - Ipswich East) and Gareth Wilson (Chief Constable).

1. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER OVERVIEW

1.1 The PCC welcomed around 49 members of the public to the meeting and made introductions. The PCC gave a presentation on the key elements of his role and action taken over the past year. A copy of the presentation slides will be attached to these notes for the record.

2. POLICING UPDATE

2.1 Following an overview of the position across the county from the Chief Constable, Inspector Roger Salmon gave a presentation on policing in the Ipswich East area; a copy of their slides will also be attached for the record.

3. KEY AREAS OF DISCUSSION

- **CYBER CRIME** – An overview of Suffolk's Cyber Crime Unit and how it works in practise, the role of the Cyber Crime Unit in Halesworth, the National Crime Agency and the Eastern Region Serious Organised Crime Unit (ERSOU).
- **YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION** – An outline of work being undertaken with young people to prevent them from entering into a life of crime.

- LITTER / ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – Action being taken to prevent litter/anti-social behaviour. The need for one single access point which has the capacity to signpost callers to the relevant agency.
- SPEEDING – Action being undertaken to deal with speeding on Ransome Road, Ipswich. Approx a third of the audience were concerned about speeding motorists on this road and had sent a letter to the PCC and signed a petition seeking a permanent solution. **Action:** Inspector Salmon confirmed the issue would be dealt with as an SNT priority and would address it directly with Mr Harvey at the end of the meeting. Inspector Salmon also advised that overweight vehicles/HGVs could be reported via the Suffolk County Council website. Post meeting note: A letter from Mr Harvey was acknowledged by the PCC on 17 August with a full response following on 25 August.
- SAFECAM - Discussion regarding costs associated with stopping speeding motorists and funds from local Speeding Awareness Courses. A small surplus is made and invested back into road safety in Suffolk.
- RAPE & SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES – Discussion regarding the fact that Suffolk Constabulary was currently ranked second from bottom in the SSOs conviction table. **Action:** The Chief Constable invited Jane Basham to spend a day with the SSO unit and provide feedback.
- DIVERSITY – How the Police was responding to different community/cultural needs. The Constabulary was working closely with partner agencies such as ISCRE, BSC and Inspire Suffolk. The Chief Constable challenges national polices via his Lead Portfolio Role for Diversity, Equality and Human Rights.
- POLICE STATION COUNTERS – Recent closures owing to little demand which had resulted in cost savings allowing the recruitment of 15 additional police officers. Discussion re. the advantages of mobile police stations vs. fixed police stations and a new more interactive Constabulary Website.
- DRONES – The legal restrictions relating to Drones and the responsibilities of the Civil Aviation Authority.
- FIRE SERVICE INTEGRATION – Currently awaiting legislation around this issue. Any decisions will be focused on what is best for Suffolk, shared working, cost saving and precepting opportunities.

The PCC thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:15 hrs.