



## **SUDBURY PUBLIC MEETING**

A public meeting was held at Sudbury Town Hall on Thursday 24 November 2016 at 18:30 hrs.

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner**

Kelly Cole (Public Engagement and Support Services Officer), Sandra Graffham (Communications Manager) and Tim Passmore (Police & Crime Commissioner).

#### **Suffolk Constabulary**

Inspector Danny Cooper (Locality Inspector - Sudbury) and Gareth Wilson (Chief Constable).

#### **Police Cadets**

Cameron Leeder, Jemma Slade and Charlotte Rayner

### **1. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER OVERVIEW**

1.1 The PCC welcomed around 25 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 Danny Cooper gave a presentation on policing in the Sudbury area; a copy of their slides will also be attached for the record.

### **3. KEY AREAS OF DISCUSSION**

- **PARKING ENFORCEMENT** – The PCC confirmed that Suffolk Constabulary forms part of a working group which has been set-up to consider the transition of on-street parking enforcement in Suffolk from the police to local authorities. If agreed, the timescale for the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement across the whole of Suffolk is expected to be two years. The Chief Constable advised that in the short-term, parking enforcement will be prioritised according to threat, harm and risk.
- **SPEEDING** – Community concerns regarding speeding are passed to the Safety Camera Enforcement Team for assessment of the identified site. This includes the collection of evidence such as speed data. As a result of community concerns, investment has been put into a community enforcement van. This van can operate in areas where the speed limit is between 30 and 50 mph and there is a safe and

suitable site to do so. Additionally, Community Speed Watch is now in action by volunteers.

- POLICE VISIBILITY – The Chief Constable recognises that communities would like to see a visible presence and confirmed that a Visibility Study is being drawn up.
- PCSOs – Match-funded PCSOs will cease in March 2017. The Chief Constable suggested Councils linking up to consider fully funding the post of a PCSO.
- YOUNG PEOPLE – The PCC advised that 3 School Liaison PCSOs have been recruited to work with schools across Suffolk to help improve the relationship between the police and young people.
- COMMUNICATION – The Chief Constable acknowledged that communications could sometimes be improved and the force was proactively updating its local newsletters which are available on the Constabulary website and using social media and Police Connect to convey messages to local communities.
- 101 SERVICE – The Chief Constable acknowledged that there were improvements to be made to the service. He advised that if there is threat to life or property people should dial 999. To improve the 101 call waiting times he explained that the Constabulary had recently recruited additional call handlers and invested heavily in telephony and technology within the CCR, which would support more efficient call handling and better communication across call answering and dispatching systems.
- E-SAFETY – A joint piece of work between Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk County Council to educate children, young people, families and vulnerable adults about e-safety issues and how to safely enjoy the internet.
- BORDER SECURITY – The Chief Constable believes this is an area of work which requires a joint agency approach and does not consider it appropriate for Suffolk to own its own boat.
- JOINT POLICE/FIRE STATION – Proposals to share resources are currently being considered within the local area.

***The PCC thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:30 hrs.***