



Derbyshire Police Authority



Local Policing Review 2011

Our commitment is to deliver a high quality policing service for everyone in Derbyshire.

Alongside the Chief Constable we are doing everything we can to mitigate the impact of the funding cuts and, in line with public opinion, the protection of our frontline policing services is our top priority.

Derbyshire remains one of the safest places to live and work in the country and we aim to keep it that way.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hickson', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Cllr Philip Hickson
Chairman of the Police Authority

Achievements in 2010-11

Crime levels fell for the eighth year in a row, with overall crime reducing by 2121 offences compared to the previous year. This means that crime in Derbyshire has dropped by more than 37,000 since 2002-03 and there are fewer victims of crime.

Key Figures:

Domestic burglary	down	79
Vehicle crime	down	1,079
Violent crime	up	718
Criminal damage	down	1,822
Anti-social behaviour incidents down	down	4,896

The drop in anti-social behaviour, for the fourth consecutive year, shows that a top local concern is being successfully addressed.

People told us they wanted to see drug and alcohol related crimes addressed alongside motoring offences. In response, dedicated operations have been introduced across the county targeting the handling of stolen goods, seizing drugs before they hit the streets of Derbyshire and taking unsafe cars off the road.

In addition, criminals have discovered that crime doesn't pay with more than £1,600,000 recovered from criminals across Derbyshire, thanks to the Proceeds of Crime legislation.

People also said that they wanted greater police visibility and figures show that last year the local Safer Neighbourhood Teams spent 97% of their time in communities.

We are conscious that there was an increase in violent crime and the Constabulary has a detailed plan on how to tackle it.



Policing Derbyshire 2011-15

Derbyshire Police Authority and Derbyshire Constabulary have set out a four year Policing Strategy which illustrates their joint aims and ambitions for the future.

It outlines five core aims to enhance service quality:

To protect the vulnerable, attack criminality, provide reassurance, reduce crime and deliver value for money. Success will be measured against these five areas, using a set of targeted performance indicators, supported by specific case studies to give a complete overview of performance.

The strategy also contains a list of priorities, directly influenced by local people, drawn up to help improve the quality of life in local communities. This follows an extensive programme of consultation including Have Your Say 2010, public meetings and electronic surveys, plus the very local consultation and priority setting carried out by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. As a result a range of concerns such as anti-social behaviour, drug crime, alcohol-related violence and serious organised crime were identified.

Force performance will be scrutinised on behalf of the public at Police Authority meetings throughout the year.

You can read the full plan and find out more about all our consultation on-line at www.derbyshire.police.uk/policeauthority

Consulting you...

If you live or work in the County you can join our Community Consultation Panel and have your views taken into account when the priorities are set for the coming year.

This year people are also being given the opportunity to ask questions and get a response from a panel of experts, including the Chief Constable and the Chair of the Police Authority. Watch out for more information about our inaugural 'Question Time'.

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Money Matters

Our commitment to local policing for local people remains our top priority, but we understand that many people are facing financial challenges. Therefore, this year, the Police Authority agreed not to increase the amount of council tax paid towards policing.

However, over the next two years, the Constabulary faces a budget shortfall of around £13m, in addition to the £6m already saved, and it is expected that further significant budget reductions will follow in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

To meet the budget, we have already reduced the number of territorial divisions from four to three, driven a 5% reduction in police officer overtime and agreed to cut 140 police staff support posts. In addition, a review of procurement has achieved significant savings, notably in forensic services.

Over the next two years the freeze on police officer recruitment will continue, which is expected to reduce police officer numbers by 123 to 1925 by 31 March 2013; the deletion of a further 101 support posts including 10 Community Support Officer posts; a review of the Constabulary's vehicle fleet; and further major reductions in the use of forensic science services.

We will continue to explore ways in which the Constabulary can 'work smarter' while still delivering a high quality policing service to local residents. One way that we are stretching the purse strings is through collaboration with other forces in the region. This programme is now well underway, saving money, protecting local policing and improving service delivery.

Well Prepared

To check how well the Force and Authority have prepared to make the necessary savings, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC), carried out an inspection of our actions and plans for the future. They found that our advance planning, which started in April 2009, has not only given us a head start in terms of making significant savings to carry forward, but has also enabled us to gain valuable experience, implement change in a more measured way and allow those changes to 'bed in' before progressing further.

About the Police Authority

The Police Authority is the local independent 'watchdog' for policing in Derbyshire. The Authority does not carry out operational policing, which is the Chief Constable's responsibility.

There are 17 members of the Authority, nine of whom are local councillors and eight are independent members of the public. These people, who work on behalf of the public, hold the Chief Constable to account for performance.

The Authority also:

- Consults with the public on priorities for policing
- Sets local policing priorities which reflect that consultation
- Monitors police performance
- Agrees the budget for policing and scrutinises how the money is spent
- Appoints and if necessary dismisses the chief officer team.

The Authority is keen to hear your comments and suggestions regarding policing in the county, which help us to drive improvements in the service.

Looking Forward

The Government's proposals for policing will see Police Authorities replaced by directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. It is widely expected that this, the biggest change to policing governance in generations, will be introduced in May 2012.

The new legislation is currently making its way through both Houses of Parliament and it is anticipated that it will become law later this year.

The Police Authority has pledged to do all that it can, despite reservations about the plans, to ensure a smooth transition of powers to the new structure. Throughout the next few months we intend to keep all our communities informed of the changes ahead, in terms of both governance and service delivery, as they become clear.

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