

Partnership Matters

Your quarterly update on news and events from
Hampshire Police Authority



Setting The Policing Priorities – A Chance To Shape The Future

As the halfway point of the current financial year arrives, thoughts are turning to the future, as the policing priorities for 2010-13 begin to be drawn up.

The priorities are signed off by the Police Authority in February, following months of consultation with the public, the Chief Constable, other officers within the police service and with our partners in the criminal justice system.

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) play a key role in influencing the policing priorities, as the locally-agreed priorities are fed back to the Authority through our members and are used to gauge an accurate picture of

local issues. Combined with police intelligence and national initiatives, the way Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are policed is then shaped.

Last year saw the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Authority Chief Executives group involved in the decision-making process for the first time, bringing the views of local authorities to the table. The relationship has continued this year, with Andrew Lloyd, Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council continuing to speak on behalf of the group. The Local Criminal Justice Board is also represented by Linda Everett.

Making our communities safer is a partnership effort, and if

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everyone involved in this process can agree on the priorities, we can all use our resources in a more effective and efficient way to achieve the same goals.

More details about the current policing priorities can be found on the Police Authority's website, details of which can be found at the bottom of the page.

Turning pounds and pennies into policing

The 2010/11 financial year is going to be an important one, not just for policing but for everyone in the public sector.

For the police, it will be the final year of a three-year settlement. Coupled with the pledge of public spending cutbacks from the major political parties after next year's general election, and the expectation of the public to keep council tax rises down, this is going to be a challenging year.

The public expectation also extends to the level of policing provided by Hampshire Constabulary. The Police Authority carries out extensive consultation each year to find the balance between what the public wants, and what they believe is reasonable to pay to get that level of service.

Many other organisations carry out budget consultation at this time, and comments will often come out that do not relate to their core business. If you are working within an organisation

that does receive a policing-related comment during the course of your consultation, we would be grateful if you could forward those comments to police.authority@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

By doing so, you can reassure your respondents that their comments have been passed on and taken into consideration when the Police Authority makes its decisions on next year's budget.

For more details about the Police Authority, log onto www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org

See the Authority in action!

Visit www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org and click on the link to see a short film about the work of the Police Authority. It was originally shown at the Local Government Association Safer Communities Conference in Bristol in October, and is currently being shown on the Local Government Channel.

Stakeholder Conference preview

Public confidence is the key theme of Hampshire Police Authority's Annual Stakeholder Conference, which is being held on 24th February 2010.

Following last year's successful event to discuss the implications of the Government Green Paper on Policing, senior figures tasked with delivering safer communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will gather once again at St Mary's Stadium in

Southampton. They will hear from experts in the field of confidence and public sector delivery, will assist us in understanding the factors that can improve public confidence generally, and relate it closely to the community safety environment.

Invitations to the event will be sent out shortly, but if you would like to pre-register your interest, please e-mail police.authority@hampshire.pnn.police.uk with your details.

Goodbye to Police Authority members

The Authority is currently recruiting for new members following the departure of two independent members who have reached the end of their terms of office.

Ray Palmer has been on the Authority since 2001, is the current Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, worked on areas such as Neighbourhood Policing and has sat on the Havant CDRP.

Venika Kingsland has served on both East Hampshire and Rushmoor CDRPs on behalf of the Authority, and leaves us after serving four years in office.

Their replacements on the Authority will be announced in December. We wish them both well for the future.



Making a difference.....our volunteers

Did you know the Police Authority a volunteer scheme to ensure that those in custody are treated fairly and with dignity? The Authority has a statutory duty to carry out this role, but has been doing so for more than 20 years.

A team of Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) visit custody facilities at all times of the day and night, and send their findings back to Authority members. The scheme provides reassurance to the public that Hampshire Constabulary is looking after detainees in a considerate manner. As at the end of June 2009, there were 66 volunteers carrying out visits to custody suites across the two counties. Between January and June 2009, there were 182 visits and 693 detainees agreed to be seen by custody visitors. For more information, please visit our website.

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