Initial Police Infrastructure Response

Overview

A key contributor to people moving to an area is that of 'safety and wellbeing'. Suffolk Constabulary are the primary providers of policing in Waveney and are therefore responsible for delivering services to address community safety, tackle crime and the fear of crime, plus seeking to achieve a reduction in crime.

Policing is a 24/7 service resourced to respond and deploy on an "on demand" and "equal access" basis, and is wholly dependent on a range of infrastructures for staff and officers to deliver this. These infrastructures include estates, vehicles and Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

<u>Needs</u>

Suffolk Constabulary provided figures on the potential increase in crime and incidents as a result of the development outlined in the Draft Local Plan. From this they established what infrastructure improvements and provision would likely be needed to ensure adequate provision of policing services and the costs that would be associated with these. It should be noted that these needs are based on the districtwide growth outlined in the Draft Local Plan. These needs are likely to change once site allocations are more established.

Costs and Funding

Following their assessment, Suffolk Constabulary provided the following figures on the predicted costs that would be associated with the necessary infrastructure improvements to mitigate the effects of the proposed growth.

Recruitment and equipping	£ 247,048
Police vehicles	£ 207,500
Automatic Number Plate Recognition	£ 240,292
Estates	£ 585,000
Total	£ 1,279,840

Funding for these provisions could potentially come from both Section 106 Agreements and CIL contributions.