



POLICE AND CRIME PLAN FOR SUFFOLK 2013-17 SUMMARY

“Making Suffolk a safer place in which to live, work, travel and invest”

As the elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk my role is to ensure that policing in Suffolk is efficient and effective and to hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of policing. I also have a wider community safety role working with partners, the voluntary, social and community enterprise sector, business representatives and the people of Suffolk to enhance community safety in Suffolk.



I am passionate about Suffolk. I believe we all have a part to play in making Suffolk a safer, vibrant and thriving community where people want to live, work, travel and invest.

As we strive to deliver excellent policing services the impact of the Government’s budget cuts means we will have fewer resources to meet the ever-increasing demands. Despite already having one of the smallest budgets of all police forces, and one of the lowest costs of policing per head of population, we must save a further £10.6m by the end of 2016/17. This is on top of £12m in savings that have already been made. Regardless of this I have honoured my manifesto commitment to freeze the council tax for policing for 2013/14.

Over the next three years I intend to improve those areas where performance needs to be better and maintain those where performance is good. The current climate presents exciting opportunities as we challenge existing practices and develop new ways of working. For example, I am open to the idea of further collaborative and partnership approaches with partners, whether public or private. The decisions I make will be driven by my aim to make Suffolk a safer place and most importantly whether it is in the best interests of serving the people of Suffolk.

Clear leadership from myself and the Chief Constable will be paramount in the future and I am confident that with the help of our excellent workforce and our good working relationships with public sector partners and our colleagues from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, we will deliver more effective and coordinated solutions which will be fundamental to achieving my aim to:

“Make Suffolk a safer place in which to live, work, travel and invest”.

My aim is supported by four strategic Police and Crime Objectives:

- Responding to emergencies
- Solving Crime
- Preventing and Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Caring for Victims and Vulnerable People.

My police and crime objectives are translated into specific performance measures or key areas of work. These will indicate how well my objectives are being achieved and are set out in my performance assessment framework. They include:

- To answer a minimum of 90% of emergency calls within 10 seconds
- To respond to at least 90% of emergency incidents within 15 minutes (in urban areas) and 20mins (in rural areas)
- Improve the solved rate for violence with injury
- Improve the solved rate for domestic burglary
- Improve the solved rate for robbery
- Improve the solved rate for serious sexual offences
- Improve the solved rate for drug trafficking
- Reduce the number of violence with injury offences
- Reduce the number of domestic burglary offences
- Reduce the number of robbery offences
- Reduce the number of ASB incidents
- Improve the level of satisfaction of victims of crime with the overall service provided to them
- Improve the level of victim satisfaction with 'follow up'
- Reduce the percentage of 'repeat' victims of domestic abuse crimes/incidents

The full Police and Crime Plan explains how I will evaluation performance against these objectives.

I can also award Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants to anyone who can deliver services that will contribute to my police and crime objectives. For the year 2012/13 I received a fund of £572,000 from the government which I have decided to increase to £600,000 using my corporate budget. I will use this fund to award grants to the Safer Suffolk Partnership and the five Suffolk Community Safety Partnerships (Babergh, Ipswich, Suffolk Coastal, Waveney and Western) who, on my behalf, will award grants to community safety initiatives. All awards will be assessed on their ability to contribute to my objectives and particularly their potential to address the following key areas of work:

- Reducing re-offending
- Preventing the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol
- Supporting vulnerable families
- Providing high quality services to victims
- Dealing with domestic and sexual abuse
- Creating a safer environment for road users
- Supporting effective crime prevention and community safety activities
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Engaging with businesses to impact on business crime
- Improving trust and confidence in the criminal justice system

Applications for grants should be forwarded to your local Community Safety Partnership.

I will be accessible to members of the public who can contact me directly. Your views and comments are important so I can judge whether you are satisfied with policing in Suffolk. I will conduct regular meetings in each constituency to hear your views about policing and I will regularly meet with business representatives, partners, representatives of our workforce and our colleagues from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to hear first-hand about their experience of policing in Suffolk.

My full Police and Crime Plan is available on the website www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk

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