



Devon & Cornwall
Police Authority

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Police Authority Meetings and News

The Police Authority met on Friday 29 June 2007 and welcomed three new Councillor Members following the recent Council Elections in Devon and Cornwall:

Mrs Jill Owen – Labour
Mrs Vivien Pengelly – Conservative
Mr Martyn Hodge – Conservative

The Police Authority made the decision that the following three Police Authority Meetings will be broadcast live on the Police Authority website:

<http://www.dcpa.police.uk/>

These webcasts will be archived and therefore available for viewing following the meeting. The number of 'hits' the webcast receives will be monitored and a decision then made as to whether or not to webcast all future Police Authority meetings.

The Forces' Performance Priority Areas of Focus (PPAF) were agreed for the upcoming year. These Strategic Topics include: Leadership, Neighbourhood Policing, Communications, Detections, Human Resources & Protective Services.

Force Performance targets were monitored and it was evident that performance against ten of the fourteen targets were showing an improvement. In addition, 3 targets were being achieved at the required level.

For more information concerning any of the above, please contact the Police Authority – see page 4 for details.

Citizen Focus – Mori Poll Results

Over a three week period, spanning May and June, IPSOS-Mori conducted a household telephone survey on behalf of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. The survey was carried out within one BCU within our Force area.

Question

Q.1 All police forces have put in place local teams, consisting of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) and others to deal with problems of most concern to the public. Are you aware of a neighbourhood team, neighbourhood police officer or PCSO in your area?

Q.2 Do you know how to make contact with any of the police team who work in your local area?

Q.3 From what you know, are the local police speaking to local people about tackling problems in your area?

Q.4 How much effort do the police in your local area put into finding out what people think? Would you say they put in (a lot/some/none)

Q.5. How much say do you think local people have over what the police do to tackle problems in your local area? Would you say they have (a lot/some/none)

Q.6. How much opportunity do you think there is for local people to work with the police to help tackle problems in your local area? Would you say there is (a lot/some/none)

Question	% Positive Answers	National Average Range
1	54.9	49.3 - 52.2
2	58.8	54.9 - 56.3
3	65.2	53.1 - 54.8
4	77.9	64.1 - 67.2
5	66.7	66.3 - 69.2
6	74.5	75.8 - 78.4

The purpose of this survey was to gauge public awareness of Neighbourhood Policing on a national level, and to assist in the identification of local good practice in order to inform national development. The survey was not intended as a standalone measure of force performance and its results are not being used as such.

Against the question is the level of positive responses that were received in our force area. The final column shows the national average range of positive responses, this is shown as a range rather than an absolute number. Any responses within your area that were statistically significantly above the average are highlighted in green; any below highlighted in red.

Respect Festival – ‘All Different, All Equal’

The Annual Respect Festival was held at The Phoenix Arts Centre in Exeter on Saturday 7 July 2007 to celebrate Diversity in conjunction with the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE).

The Festival was extremely busy and The Police Authority stand, which was in at the heart of the Festival, was overwhelmed with visitors. The atmosphere of the event was a vibrant one and allowed the Police Authority to inform the public of its role and purpose, endorse its responsibilities and explain how it is distinct from the Constabulary.

As well as this, it allowed the public to voice their concerns to the Police Authority about general issues and worries.

Ultimately, the day served a dual purpose in allowing the public to engage with the Police Authority and learn more about us as an organisation as well as the Police Authority learning about public perception and knowledge of the Authority. All this taking place in an environment where diversity and equality were primary themes, something the Police Authority advocates and promotes.

Please note the additional insert to this newsletter entitled ‘Counter Terrorism – It’s everyone’s business’

How to contact the Police Authority

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How to contact the Police

GENERAL ENQUIRIES (24 HOURS):

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*To report crime or criminal damage
To request police advice or attendance
To be connected to a police station*

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*When life is at risk, Offenders are nearby
Someone is injured, Immediate action is required*

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