

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **Community Engagement Committee** was held on 2 April 2008.

Further information on the items referred to below is contained in the agenda, reports and minutes for the meeting held on 2 April 2008.

The following recommendation arose as a result of the meeting:

PC/262 Public Survey

Members supported proposals for conducting one public survey each year instead of the three.

Members agreed that the best time for conducting the survey would be September/ October. This would allow questions to be asked about the Local Policing Summary, which has a planned distribution date of September 2008. It would also allow questions to be asked and fed into the budget and target-setting process for 2009/10.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Police Authority conducts a public survey once each year instead of three times as at present.

Matters discussed included:

PC/261 Members stated they were still not being informed of PACT meetings scheduled for their local areas. The Chairman indicated that he would discuss this with the chief inspector with responsibility for the neighbourhood policing project.

PC/263 Police Authority Panels

Members were updated on the the pilot Panel held in Launceston in January 2008 and proposing the future approach.

Membership of the Panels will rotate to ensure a throughput of views and opinions. The next Panels are scheduled to be held in June and October 2008 at locations yet to be determined. Comments made by the Panels, in the case of the Local Policing Summaries, are provided to the Planning Working Group for consideration and action.

The Committee agreed that two Panels should be set up and run twice a year.

PC/264 Police Authority Consultation Priorities

Members agreed the way of taking forward the Police Authority's consultation priorities as agreed by the Police Authority in February 2008. The priorities are ease and quality of contact and Neighbourhood Policing with an emphasis on "visibility".

PC/265 Police Authority Summer 2007 Survey

Members were updated with the findings from the Police Authority Summer 2007 Survey. Members were encouraged by the findings that suggested that the public were more satisfied with the way their locality was policed if they had seen a PCSO recently.

The full version of the findings from the summer 2007 Public Survey is available from the Police Authority office.

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