



## East Cambridgeshire Virtual Councillor Briefing

5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Police and Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston held a virtual briefing for East Cambridgeshire councillors on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

This was the second of 6 planned district briefings to introduce the new Commissioner to councillors, to speak about the role and to provide an opportunity for local issues to be discussed.

Darryl was joined by Amanda Large, Cambridgeshire Constabulary Lead for Community Speedwatch and Charlotte Homent from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership.

Darryl began by welcoming those Councillors attending and provided a little background to his career.

He invited councillors to be aware of his public survey, launched on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 asking people to feedback their views on policing and crime in the county, in preparation for his Police and Crime Plan.

The survey asks local residents and business owners to help the Commissioner shape his priorities which will form the content of his new Plan and runs until 17:00 on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

A number of emerging priorities came out of Darryl's early conversations with residents during his campaign therefore the survey is base around these draft areas as provided below

### TACKLING CRIME & KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE

<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITIES</b>  <p>We will ensure the police and other partners are listening to the public and working with them to act on their concerns, and supporting them to assist themselves. From initial contact, to rural and business crime, ASB and speeding.</p>	<b>CRIME PREVENTION</b>  <p>We will work in partnership to understand and tackle the root causes of crime and serious violence through early intervention and rehabilitating people who have offended, while reducing opportunities for people to commit crime.</p>	<b>SUPPORTING VICTIMS &amp; WITNESSES</b>  <p>We will protect vulnerable people and ensure victims and witnesses are placed at the heart of the criminal justice system, commissioning services to support them.</p>	<b>ETHICAL POLICING</b>  <p>We will ensure that police act with integrity and social responsibility, promoting a culture that is inclusive, diverse and takes equality seriously. From how they interact with the public they serve, to environmental sustainability.</p>	<b>ROBUST ENFORCEMENT</b>  <p>We will use our police officers and staff, and criminal justice processes, to keep Cambridgeshire and Peterborough safe. From ASB and crime in our communities, to serious organised crime.</p>
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A link to the survey is here: [The Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire | \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk)

## **Community Road Safety schemes**

Amanda Large provided an update on what councillors can do to build local community resilience and encourage local people to support community safety activities. She reminded councillors about the volunteer organisations set up across Cambridgeshire, namely Speedwatch, which continues to support partnership initiatives to keep residents safe. She also spoke about the process of setting up a scheme and asked Councillors with existing schemes to share a summary of their data.

Amanda then spoke about the county's **Vision Zero [partnership](#)** which has an ambition of zero deaths on the county's roads by 2040.

Councillors were asked to provide details of speeding concerns through to Amanda Large, the Constabulary's Watch Coordinator who will liaise with local Speedwatch coordinators.

**Contact details:** Amanda Large, (Speedwatch, HGV Watch and Neighbourhood Watch), email: [speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

Speedwatch: <http://speedwatch.info/>

Neighbourhood Watch: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

To sign up for Ecops visit: <https://www.ecops.org.uk/>

## **Against Scams Partnership**

Charlotte Homent (Cambridgeshire County Council) then provided an update on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership and outlined how communities can get involved in building local resilience to scams to protect residents from the financial and emotional harm that they cause.

A copy of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership's presentation can be found on this page.

More details can be found on the Partnership website which contains a range of downloadable assets: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/against-scams](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/against-scams)

## **Other issues raised by Councillors included:**

- How those who don't have online access can be better protected against scams with home visits;
- Where parish councils have purchased CCTV cameras and wish to engage with the Constabulary, could there be clearer guidance on their effectiveness in catching offenders? And when can CCTV evidence be used?
- Disappointment at the closure of Ely Police Station and general police visibility in the district;
- The need for local neighbourhood teams to be seen to be tackling ASB and street-drinking to ensure public confidence in the service;
- Improved contact for councillors with local neighbourhood policing teams – named officers?
- When newly recruited officers will be available in communities?
- The importance of partnership in prevention work;
- Illegal cycling and e-scooters on footpaths.

## **Police and Crime Commissioner social media channels:**

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