



South Cambridgeshire Virtual Councillor Briefing

30th June 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Police and Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston held a virtual briefing for South Cambridgeshire councillors on Wednesday 30th June.

This was the first 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 Inspector Matt Snow from Cambridgeshire Constabulary 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 30th 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 30th 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

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES  <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>	CRIME PREVENTION  <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>	SUPPORTING VICTIMS & WITNESSES  <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>	ETHICAL POLICING  <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>	ROBUST ENFORCEMENT  <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

Matt Snow provided an update on what councillors can do to build local community resilience and encourage local people to support community safety activities. He reminded councillors about the volunteer organisations set up across Cambridgeshire, namely Speedwatch, which continues to support partnership initiatives to keep residents safe. He spoke about the process of setting up a scheme and answered questions from Councillors running existing schemes.

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

Issues raised by councillors on the issue of road safety included what speed limit can be included in Speedwatch schemes (up to 30mph) and whether the Neighbourhood Team can provide additional patrols in hot spot areas.

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

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

Other issues raised by Councillors included:

- How the Commissioner can help prevent young people from becoming involved in a life of crime;
- What Councillors can expect from the Commissioner in terms of raising awareness about the dangers of County Lines;
- As an ex-police officer, can Councillors expect neutrality in the Commissioner's approach to holding the Force to account;
- Does the Commissioner recognise the challenges of modern slavery and will he do what he can to increase resources in this area;
- What about extra resources for RCAT;
- What can be done to reassure local communities about the reduction of PCSO numbers?

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