

What is a local policing plan?

A local policing plan explains how the resources available for policing are going to be used and sets the priorities for policing the constabulary area.

What has influenced the plan?

Cuts to police funding left the authority with a £6 million gap in 2011/12 and a need to save a further £10 million by 2015. The budget has been balanced this year, but the constabulary has to review the way it delivers policing so further savings can be made. This is being done through:

Redesigning policing

This is a full review of how response policing, neighbourhood policing and volume crime investigation is delivered in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The changes will be made to meet the budget for 2012/13 and will be informed by engagement with the public via the constabulary website. It is expected the review will result in less bureaucracy for officers and therefore release more operational hours to visible 'frontline' policing. Members of the public can help shape the future of policing through the 'Have your say' section on the constabulary website, which will feature weekly projects being considered for a more efficient and effective policing model.



To take part visit

www.cambs-police.co.uk/newpolicingapproach/haveyoursay/

Working in collaboration

A strategic alliance with Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Constabularies will improve resilience, provide better value for money and customer service. More importantly it will deliver an estimated £15 million in savings across the three forces each year by the end of 2015/16. The first phase will look at ways of working together on major crime investigation, professional standards, contact management, ICT and firearms. Other areas of business, such as organisational support services, which includes finance and HR for example, will be looked at later in the programme. Local policing (incident response, neighbourhood policing and volume crime investigation) is outside the scope of collaboration as it needs to be tailored to local priorities and styles of delivery. Public protection and the protection of vulnerable people will also be delivered by each force in partnership with locally based agencies.

The plan also considered the transition to the Police and Crime Commissioners proposed in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.

How the policing priorities were set

- By studying current and emerging crime trends in the area
- By looking at national crime trends
- By speaking to colleagues in other agencies
- By engaging with you as members of the public

Policing priorities for 2011/12

1. Maintain local police performance

This will involve building on last year's improvements in performance and service delivery.

2. Deliver policing within the available budget

Providing value for money, improving efficiency and reducing bureaucracy are top of the policing agenda.

3. Reduce crime and disorder

The constabulary will focus on the crime and anti-social behaviour problems identified by communities as causing them the greatest concern. It will also prioritise work to protect the vulnerable from anti-social behaviour, use Integrated Offender Management to reduce re-offending, make greater use of restorative justice and continue to tackle organised crime groups.

4. Keeping people safe

Within this priority the main focus will be tackling domestic abuse and serious sexual offences, and increasing the resilience of communities to violent extremism.

5. Maintain the resilience of protective services

This will ensure the constabulary is able to deal with any incident in the constabulary area, regionally or nationally whilst maintaining local business as usual.

Protective services are areas of police activity aimed at protecting the public from any type of serious harm. It includes, for example, the major crime department, road policing unit, tactical firearms unit, the dog unit, public order, counter terrorism and force resilience.

The **People's Priority** of anti-social behaviour, in particular speeding and parking near schools, once again features in the plan following the public's continued support.



"Difficult decisions have had to be made to ensure we balance our budget this year. Some things have had to be stopped, others done differently, but rest assured we are still making sure you are provided with a first class police force in Cambridgeshire."

Ruth Rogers,
Chairman of Cambridgeshire Police Authority



In 2010/11 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough became a safer place to live...



- Crime is down - reports of serious acquisitive crime (which is the burglary of people's homes, robbery and vehicle crime) at the lowest levels ever recorded.
- Fewer people were victims of a violent crime.
- More crimes were solved by officers and staff.
- More offenders were brought to justice.
- A new Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) has improved the way sexual offences are investigated and provided better care for victims.
- More victims were satisfied with the way the police dealt with their incident or crime.
- Fewer people living in Cambridgeshire perceive anti-social behaviour as a problem when compared with other counties.



"We will continue to relentlessly target those who commit crime, bring offenders to justice and tackle the issues that matter most to our communities. And we will transfer the fear of crime to the criminals."

Chief Constable Simon Parr

