

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR DERBYSHIRE  
DECISION RECORD**

<b>Request for PCC Decision</b>	<b>Received in OPCC Date: 11 November 2013</b>	<b>OPCC Ref: 78/13</b>
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**Title: YOUR POLICE YOUR VIEWS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2013**

**Executive Summary: To be completed by PCC Specialist lead**

The results of the Your Police Your Views Public Engagement Events, 2013, conducted jointly across the Force area by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire Constabulary between May and September 2013 was detailed within the report.

**Decision**

**Resolved**

To consider more effective ways of engaging face to face with the public which would represent a more efficient use of resources in these challenging times.

To review the larger and more formal face to face engagement element of the Community Engagement Plan moving forwards and to explore alternative approaches such as linking with partner agencies where appropriate.

To read, disseminate and action as appropriate.

**Declaration**

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

**Signature**

Alan Charles

**Date**

**PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS**

**Is the related Section B report to be published**    **Yes**

If no, please indicate relevant exemption

**Is the publication of this approval to be deferred**    **No**

If Yes, provide reasons below

**Date to be deferred to –**

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive or Nominee:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature

Name        David Peet

Date

**STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE BOARD**  
**11 NOVEMBER 2013**  
**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**7B: YOUR POLICE YOUR VIEWS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS 2013**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To report back to the Strategic Governance Board on the programme of public engagement events, Your Police Your Views, conducted jointly across the Force area by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire Constabulary between May and September 2013.

**2. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 There were nine public engagement events organised which were led by either the Chief Constable or one of the Chief Officers of the Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. The programme was developed specifically to include each of the local authority areas in order to make the meetings more accessible to the communities of Derbyshire. A total of approximately 200 people attended the meetings.
- 2.2 **Purpose** The purpose of these events was to provide an opportunity for members of the Derbyshire public to engage face to face with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire and a Chief Officer or local Senior Police Officer on key issues that concern them. The Chair of each Community Safety Partnership (CSP) was also in attendance at each event to provide an overview of the role of the local CSP and to further reinforce the message of partnership working.
- 2.3 **Dates and Venues** The events took place from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. on the following dates:

9<sup>th</sup> May The Railway Hotel, 22 Bridge Street, **Buxton**, SK17 6BS

- 30<sup>th</sup> May The Proact Stadium (Formerly The B2Net Stadium), 1866  
Sheffield Road, **Whittington Moor**, Chesterfield, S41 8NZ
- 11<sup>th</sup> June The Arena, 1 Rutland Street, **Ilkeston**, DE7 8DG
- 20<sup>th</sup> June The George Bratt Room, Assembly Rooms, Hilltop, **Bolsover**  
Chesterfield S44 6NG
- 4<sup>th</sup> July The Darwin Suite, Assembly Rooms, Market Place, **Derby**,  
DE1 3AH
- 11<sup>th</sup> July Mill Hill School, Peasehill, **Ripley**. DE5 3JQ
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Community Room, Ashbourne Leisure Centre, Clifton Road,  
**Ashbourne**, DE6 1AA
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sept North Wingfield Community Centre, Whiteleas Avenue, **North**  
**Wingfield**, S42 5PW
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street, **Swadlincote**, DE11  
9DG

- 2.4 **Format** Formal presentations were given about the role of the PCC, local policing performance and current crime trends.

Following the presentations, members of the public in attendance were invited to ask questions and raise any further policing issues of interest or concern. Each meeting consisted of the same format with the main focus and time allocation centred on the Q&A period which was supported by the presentations.

- 2.5 **Questions from the audience** The questions varied from meeting to meeting but common themes emerged which are summarised below. A local Section Inspector was in attendance at each event as well as the local Divisional Commanders in order to provide local information as required.

- 2.6 General issues raised:

- Cost of Police and Crime Commissioner's office compared with former Police Authority
- Resource implication of police service involvement in incidents and crimes where mental health issues are a factor

- Legislation of drugs – legalisation of certain drug categories. War on drugs - legal highs and white powder substances.
- How are the police tackling cyber crime – Action fraud, ID theft
- General concern regarding further reduction of resources
- Communication with the public – expansion of the use of social media to do this. Also suggested improved use of mobile police stations to engage. The role of Derbyshire Alert was raised several times. Better publicity of policing events is needed.
- Alcohol – granting of 24 hour licenses – role of the police and partnership
- The use of Restorative Justice
- Keeping victims informed of events following reporting of crime
- Improvement in the sharing of cross border intelligence
- Allocation of resources – policing according to need
- Regionalisation agenda
- Crime Prevention Fund

2.7 Local issues raised:

- Speeding and road traffic issues - legislation of this
- Response time by police – contact management and the non emergency 101 number
- Positive comments and praise was given to local police with individual officers named for excellent service
- Young people asked about Section 30s and the way that these are used, education on drugs, funding of youth clubs
- Wildlife crime
- Alcohol Harm – education around responsible drinking
- Use of CCTVs in tackling local crime

2.8 **Consultation** Voting technology was used to pose questions to the audience both before the presentations were given and afterwards. Please note that the voting technology did not function at two of the events so the results exclude Ashbourne and Swadlincote. The following indicators were provided by those attending the remaining events:

- At the beginning of the meeting, 54% understood the role of the PCC and 46% didn't. At the end of the meeting this question was repeated and 88% understood the role of the Commissioner and 12% didn't
- With regard to frontline policing roles the majority of attendees agreed that the roles of a Call Handler, Computer Forensic Examiner, Central Referral Unit Risk Assessor and Station Enquiry Officer represent frontline roles with those of a File builder and Forensic Analytical Services Lab Officer not being considered as frontline.
- 72% felt that Police and Crime Commissioners were a good idea
- 69% described the police service in their local area as excellent, good or satisfactory with 28% describing the police service as poor or needs improving
- 91% of attendees found the event very or quite useful

### 3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- i. To consider more effective ways of engaging face to face with the public which would represent a more efficient use of resources in these challenging times
- ii. To review the larger and more formal face to face engagement element of the Community Engagement Plan moving forwards and to explore alternative approaches such as linking with partner agencies where appropriate
- iii. Report read and disseminated and actioned as appropriate

### 4. **IMPLICATIONS**

**All implications are assessed and scored to the table below.**

**HIGH – supporting explanation and narrative required and to be contained within the report**

**MEDIUM – narrative to be contained within the report at the discretion of the author**

**LOW – no narrative required**

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Crime & Disorder	x		
Environmental	x		
Equality & Diversity	x		
Financial	x		
Health & Safety	x		
Human Rights	x		
Legal	x		
Personnel	x		

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**ATTACHMENTS**

None