

Inspector Simon Outen- Challenge and Improve Committee

2nd December 2014.

An update on the following issues will be provided at the meeting;

- General update on crime trends and action taken.

Crime is currently reducing compared to this time last year. This remains a positive trend over the past 4 years, with overall crime reduced significantly in this period. Police continue to take positive action regarding offences, with enforcement remaining the mainstay of action in relation to serious acquisitive crime (which includes burglary offences).

In relation to crime statistics the recent HMIC inspection has identified Lincolnshire as one of the top performing forces in relation to its crime recording standards and compliance with national guidelines and its ethical approach to crime recording practices.
- Resources

Resourcing remains relatively stable across West Lindsey. However, the picture in the next Comprehensive Spending Review is bleak for Lincolnshire, with significant cuts to officer numbers being required to enable Lincolnshire Police to meet its budget forecast. This will be particularly difficult for the force to achieve, given that it is assessed as the most efficient police force in England and Wales. Forceful arguments are being made jointly by the Chief Constable and the PCC to the Home Office regarding the sustainability of the proposed budgets, especially given the position Lincolnshire has already reached with extensive outsourcing.
- ASB general update and action taken.

ASB legislation has recently changed as of October, and we are currently in the interim period of embedding new working practices, whilst awaiting finalisation of some of the changes. West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire Police together with other partners continue to work closely together to address ASB, and the ASBRAC and ARM (Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Meeting) processes being embedded to ensure high and medium level ASB are tackled cooperatively. ASB continues to reduce in line with the County picture.
- Partnership working-Operation Pottery and SWW

Operation Pottery was a multi-agency approach to modern day slavery. A number of individuals were rescued and assisted into the national referral programme. The police investigation continues and the offenders remain on police bail whilst this complex enquiry is progressed, with actions being undertaken in a number of different locations. The South West Ward remains a priority for local policing and we will continue to work with WLDC to identify long term solutions for this area. Support has been given in relation to the selective licensing proposal, and local street surgeries with partner agencies have been undertaken to try and build community confidence. Further such surgeries are planned in the new year.

Questions from members on local policing issues.