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AGENDA

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**Special Meeting of the Challenge and Improvement Committee
Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 6.30 pm
The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Gainsborough**

Members: Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan (Chairman)
Councillor Nigel Bowler (Vice – Chairman)
Councillor Geoff Wiseman (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Stuart Curtis, Chris Darcel, David Dobbie, Stuart Kinch,
Angela Lawrence, Malcolm Leaning, Pat Mewis, Sue Rawlins, and Mick
Tinker.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Members' Declarations of Interest

Members may make any declarations of interest at this point but may also make them at any time during the course of the meeting.

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3. Question and Answer Session with a Public Body – Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the work of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Mr Alan Hardwick, Police and Crime Commissioner, together with Chief Inspector Simon Outen will be in attendance and make a short presentation to the Committee, addressing those matters previously identified, and detailed in Appendix A to this agenda.

This will be followed by a period of supplementary questioning from the Committee.

M Gill
Chief Executive
The Guildhall
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16 February 2015

PCC Question Areas- Challenge and Improve

Question 1 – Local Issues

Members have a number of local issues of concern, examples include action against dangerous parking (an issue of increasing concern since parking enforcement moved to the County) and the reduction of funding for PCSOs, could you please comment on these issues and explain to the Committee the best way in which Members should report/these issues and concerns. What mechanisms do you have in place to feedback? How do we work together to find solutions to these issues?

Question 2 - Partnership Opportunities

There have been some very successful examples of partnership working including operation pottery and the WLDC Secondment to the PCCs office which is undertaking work with regard to victims. Can the PCC suggest any areas where partnership working could be extended or new areas identified?

Question 3 - Restorative Justice

We understand that there is lots of work ongoing within Lincolnshire with regard to restorative justice. Can the PCC please explain what the approach is specifically within West Lindsey and how we can use restorative justice to improve community confidence and reduce the impact of crime, particularly in problematic areas?

Question 4 - Budgets

Can the PCC explain how his budget and the policing budget is defined? And what challenges or opportunities do you foresee?

Question 5 - Support for Businesses /Farming Communities

We are experiencing a number of issues with theft and repeated targeting of certain businesses on our industrial estates, together with a number of farming related crimes. We recognise that this may be considered an operational policing issue but we feel that it may have an impact on the economic vitality of the area. We would be pleased to hear the PCCs thoughts on this issue and how we can mitigate any potential risks of businesses relocating?

Question 6 - Response Times

Whilst recognising policing in a rural area is challenging and with reduced resources, what methods can be implemented to ensure that response times are kept to minimum and to ensure victims needs are met?

Question 7 - Increasing Confidence

We hear that residents are reluctant to report crimes and ASB due to perceived lack of action, and we have particular issues within rural communities. How does the PCC feel that community confidence can be improved?

Question 8 - Victims

We understand the PCC has greater responsibility to victims. We are keen to understand what more needs to be done with regard to supporting victims and vulnerable people and

would like to know how we can support further work in this area? In particular who supports victims of cyber crime and hoax calls for example and how?