



OPCC Public Meeting  
Corringham Hall  
Springfield Road  
Corringham  
Essex  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

Panel Members  
PCC Roger Hirst (PCC)  
DPCC Jane Gardner (DPCC)  
Ch/Insp Richard Baxter (RB)  
Thurrock CSP Jim Nicholls (JN)

The DPCC began by explaining that she had held a meeting in Corringham in March around the proposed Police and Fire joint governance. At the meeting residents had requested the Police and Crime Commissioner hold a meeting to hear concerns they had around policing and crime in the area. The PCC explained his role around policing before opening the floor up for questions.

Discrimination - A number of concerns were raised around local police visibility and resourcing. It was also suggested that the police discriminated against 'Essex Man' in favour of women and BME and minority groups. *The PCC said that this wasn't supported by what he had heard and asked if others in the group felt this way. The majority of the group indicated that they did not agree that 'Essex Man' was discriminated against.*

Drugs - It was asked if taking drugs is treated as a crime? *RB advised that drugs are treated as a crime and police will take action.*

101 service – It was asked what was being done about the 101 service. *The PCC acknowledged the 101 service requires improvement and detailed how money was being invested to improve the service.*

Police attendance – It was asked why police didn't attend some incidents. *RB stated that Essex Police use the THRIVE principle to prioritise calls. If resources are needed to attend a report of a serious violent incident in progress, that incident will be prioritised.*

Accident in Manor Way – It was asked what happened with the recent incident on the Manor Way? *RB advised that police were already on their way following*

*complaints when they learned of the incident and had attended and an investigation was progressing well.*

Area regeneration and impact on policing resources – It was asked if more funding would be made available to deal with the increased housing being developed in the area – *The PCC explained the way the police are funded with contributions from the council precept and central government. He also advised that he was currently in discussions at Westminster around funding and was actively seek more funding.*

Have local developers made any contributions to the Police? *The PCC said that this isn't how the funding currently works.*

Human Trafficking – It was asked how prevalent this type of crime was? *JN advised that part of the problem is that it is very hard to know how prevalent this is and that is some work that is currently being undertaken.*

It was asked what the PCC's response was to the petition around a permanent police presence co-located in the Corringham Fire Station. *The PCC explained that the Local Case for Change in regards to joint governance of the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Police had been submitted to the Home Office. If given approval, it would not come into effect until October 1<sup>st</sup> at the earliest and as such he would have no jurisdiction over joint services before then. If the joint governance proposal did go ahead, he would look at the proposal but it would take time.*

Anti-Social Behaviour – It was asked what the police are doing about children riding motorbikes in the shopping area. *RB explained that the local policing team (LPT) were dealing with the perpetrators and they appealed for help with the local community identifying the perpetrators.*

Is it legal to take photos of under 18s causing trouble and report it to the police? *RB advised if residents had images of crimes taking place they should pass them onto police.*

A question was asked about a specific case on The Crux estate. *RB asked to discuss the incident after the meeting so he could follow up.*

A local business owner asked how proactive police can be around the ASB that takes place in the town centre during the summer holidays. *RB advised that police have put in an operation to pre-empt this. The council are also putting in preventative and diversionary programmes.*

A question was asked about a specific case involving a serious assault. *RB asked to speak after the meeting so he could look into the incident further.*

Lorries parking on the highway – a resident asked if anything could be done about the large number of Lorries that are parking on the highways and on slips roads around the port. *RB will ensure that the police and council will be briefed on how to deal with these cases.*

It was asked how contact details for the police were advertised? *The PCC advised it was advertised online and in posters and leaflets in public places.*

Speeding vehicles – It was asked if there was a scheme in Essex where residents can help take number plates of speeding vehicles? *The PCC advised there was already a scheme in place in Essex called Speedwatch and that he was a member himself. The resident was connected to one of the Local Policing Team for further details.*

Visible police presence – It was asked if there was anything the community can do to help the police be more visible in the community? *The PCC is determined to double the size of the Specials over the next two years and there was also other ways that communities can volunteer including as parish safety volunteers and police cadets.*

Lights at Manor Way – It was asked if anything can be done about drivers jumping the lights at Manor Way. *RB advised that there are cameras being put at the lights very shortly.*

Drug taking – It was asked if ASB is a priority? *The PCC advised that ASB is a priority within the police and crime plan for Essex. Two thirds of money is being spent on visible policing and on initiatives such as Gangsline.*