

CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY

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OVERVIEW OF POLICING PLAN 2006-7

A Report by the Chief Constable

1. SUMMARY

This report provides up to date information on the policing plan 2006-7. It indicates the policing services that it is planned to deliver with the recommended budget and will support consideration of the Budget Report and Efficiency Plan on this agenda.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Police Authority note the information on the 2006-7 Policing Plan.

3. DETAIL

3.1 National Policing Plan Priorities

The five key priorities for the police service are to:

- Reduce overall crime by 15 per cent by 2007–08.
- Bring more offences to justice.
- Provide every area in England and Wales with dedicated, visible, accessible and responsive neighbourhood policing teams and reduce public perception of anti-social behaviour.
- Tackle serious and organised crime, through improved intelligence and information between partners.
- Protect the country from both terrorism and domestic extremism.

3.2 Local Policing Plan Priorities 2006-7

Comprehensive local consultation was carried out with the public, partners and Constabulary staff. In December 2005, the Police Authority approved the following priorities for Cumbria Constabulary in 2006-7:

1. To reduce overall crime, with a focus on violent crime, drug crime, vehicle crime and burglary.

2. To work with our partners to further increase detection rates, targeting prolific and other priority offenders, bringing more offenders to justice and reducing road traffic collisions across the county.
3. To develop neighbourhood policing across all communities in the county, ensuring that we address locally identified concerns about fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder.
4. To develop our protective services capability with a particular focus on serious, organized and cross border crime, counter terrorism and extremism.
5. To develop a professionally trained and integrated workforce, ensuring that people are supported at all levels, to provide an excellent service to all the communities we serve.
6. To secure the policing capability and capacity needed to maintain current performance and meet future demands, by working with other North West police forces to review police structures in the region.
7. To deliver the phased implementation of the national IMPACT programme, in order to optimise key police and partner decision-making through proactive capture and use of well-managed data, intelligence and other information.

These will drive the Constabulary's objectives and targets for the year.

3.3 Key Developments 2006-7

The Constabulary plans to undertake projects in the key areas shown below during 2006-7. The programme may be affected by forthcoming Home Office announcements on the police structure review.

- a) continued development of the National Intelligence Model;
- b) professional investigation project;
- c) strategies for reducing and investigating high-volume crimes;
- d) national standards for vulnerable persons issues (child protection, adult protection, hate crime and missing persons);
- e) repeat victimisation;
- f) crime recording;
- g) expansion of automatic number plate recognition;
- h) the citizen focus project including neighbourhood policing;
- i) anti-social behaviour strategy;
- j) witness management system;
- k) national standards for detaining people in custody;
- l) Airwave communications system;
- m) integrated command & control system;
- n) custody & case preparation system;
- o) Carlisle police infrastructure redevelopment;

- p) business continuity planning for emergencies;
- q) equality, diversity and community confidence;
- r) effective financial management;
- s) estates strategy;
- t) information management programme;
- u) performance and efficiency management;
- v) marketing.

The Constabulary will be working with the Policing Plan and Best Value Committee to include specific and measurable objectives in the policing plan.

3.4 National Intelligence Model – Operational Priorities

The National Intelligence Model analyses crime information and intelligence to determine day-to-day priorities for front line activities. These operational priorities are updated every six months, and have recently been reviewed. Front line activities will be focused on:

- Class A drugs
- Counter-terrorism
- Burglary
- Violent crime and disorder
- Antisocial behaviour and criminal damage
- Vehicle crime
- Road policing

3.5 Performance Targets

The Constabulary has a number of three-year targets from 2005, which it will continue working towards as follows:

Target Area	Target to 2007/8	3 year %
burglary dwelling	30% better than MSF	14% reduction
theft of a vehicle	(aligned to partners' targets)	20.3% reduction
theft from a vehicle	(aligned to partners' targets)	16.1% reduction
robbery	best in MSF	not applicable
violent crime	5% better than MSF average	12.2% reduction
road traffic collision (killed or seriously injured)	10 year road traffic strategy	20% reduction
Class A drug supply	25 per year increase	159.3% increase
sanction detections	28% detection rate	5% increase

(MSF refers to the Constabulary's family of most similar forces.)

As set out in the Strategy Plan to 2008, the Constabulary also aims to:

- Increase the percentage of police officer time spent on front line duties to 72.5% by 2007/8.
- Achieve an overall user satisfaction rate of 85%, with no significant difference in levels of satisfaction between visible minority ethnic group and white users.
- Investigate 100% racist incidents.
- Fingerprint 99% of people arrested.
- Achieve detections from 1 in 12 crime scenes investigated.
- Bring 11,285 offences to justice.
- Improve efficiency by 3% each year, half of which will be in real cash terms.
- Reduce average staff sickness levels to below 9 working days per year.
- Ensure that the ethnicity of its workforce is reflective of the community it serves.

The Constabulary is working with Policing Plan and Best Value Committee to confirm targets for 2006/7. The policing plan will include new targets for local priorities, such as antisocial behaviour.

3.6 Best Value Programme

The programme of Best Value reviews will be dependent on forthcoming Home Office announcements on police structures. A review on antisocial behaviour will be completed early in the financial year. It is currently planned to follow this with a review of front-line supervision. The recently completed review on user satisfaction will be implemented during 2006/7. The Best Value reviews will be approved and monitored by Policing Plan and Best Value Committee, and Audit and Performance Committee will monitor implementation.

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