

Panel Members

PFCC Roger Hirst

DPFCC Jane Gardner

Chief Inspector Colin Cox

Terry Povey

Adam Pipe

ClIr Frankie Ricci

DPFCC Jane Gardner introduces panel and opens the forum up to questions. The panel introduce themselves. PFCC Roger Hirst thanked panel members and partnering agencies for joining the virtual meeting tonight. He paid tribute to the hard work partnering agencies have done over the pandemic and reminded everyone about the importance of the vaccination programme. Highlighted the review of strategies and priorities in the new Police and Crime Plan.

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| <p>Q- Will there be more cops put into neighbourhood policing?</p> | <p>PFCC- Yes. Community centre policing has doubled. Rural policing team has also doubled in size, which has been well received. This year we are investing in local policing disrupter teams. We have successfully hired over 650 cops.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Colin Cox- In Braintree in the last 2 years we have had an additional 4 officers and a Sargent. As well as a community safety engagement officer and a child and young person's officer. We have also grown our special constabulary. We are fully staffed so that we can respond to emergencies.</p> |
| <p>Q- Is there a way a police presence could be requested for a targeted patrol?</p> | <p>Chief Inspector Colin Cox- Yes. Community policing team will put a plan of action in based on trends. Community safety and engagement officer will work with parish councils to communicate your concerns. We have a domestic abuse problem team engaging with victims. There are a lot of teams working together to protect the community and preventing crime.</p> |
| <p>Q- Where can parish councils get information about getting special constables?</p> | <p>DFCC- There is a link on Facebook.</p> |
| <p>Q- How can people get police to carry out speed checks?</p> | <p>Adam Pipe- North of Essex largely affected by this. Genuine requests can be made where there is an evidence of speed using speed check equipment. Contact myself or contact Colin at Braintree. Over the summer there has been a visible presence in Braintree, especially during the weekends. There is a plan to put more</p> |

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| | mobile officers out to carry out speed enforcement. |
| Q- Who is ultimately responsible for community speed watch? | PFCC- Volunteers. But they do need to have the right permission to do so, which is guided by the Safer Essex Roads partnership. |
| Q- What reassurance can community speed watch volunteers be given when faced with abuse? Do you think body cameras would be a solution? | Adam Pipe- Where there are incidents of abuse towards volunteers, we take positive action. As we move forward there is a case for volunteers to receive digital footage cameras. PFCC- report it and report the vehicle. This operation has a lot of public support. |
| Q- With all the new buildings that are being built, do they talk to the emergency services about safety? There is an issue with parking spaces in the new estates, there would be no space to get a fire engine through. DFCC- How can we engage more on the planning issues at an earlier stage? | Terry Povey- when there is a new development happening our protection team do have an insight into that. At the planning stage we do have input. Where there are villages around, we go out locally to visit areas and talk to people about parking sensibly. Cllr Frankie Ricci- The Fire authority do receive planning applications and do get site of those. The North Essex parking partnership can be contacted in hotspot areas where parking can cause safety issues. Contact them directly or contact your parish council. |
| Q- What is the difference between on call fire stations and full-time ones? Is the area safe with this type of cover? | Terry Povey- Whole time stations will have whole time fire fighters. There will be someone on their stations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. On call are usually in the rural, quieter areas. Where there is a higher risk there would be whole-time fire stations. In the rural areas, we do a lot more prevention activities such as home fire safety visits. PFCC- Prevention activities are key. We have a pilot happening at Dengie at the moment, to reduce the risk of fire, crime and emergencies. |
| Q- Concern about drug dealing and county lines in Halsted. | Chief Inspector Colin Cox- Send information to police. |
| Q- As an elected member in an un-parished area they are excluded from the parish specials scheme. What can we have? | PFCC- There are no areas that are prevented from having a community special. We will get in contact to sort that out. |
| Q- Will there be a drink drive campaign this year? | Adam Pipe- Yes most definitely. It's an all-year operation. There is a 27% increase in drink driving collisions. This year we have arrested nearly 1000 people under the influence of cocaine or cannabis. 1400 people arrested for drink driving. As always crime stoppers need information about people in the community who drink drive. Police intelligence is vital. |

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| Q- Update on Terling burglaries? | Chief Inspector Colin Cox- two residential burglaries in the area so far. Last year there was 20. Violent crime has seen the biggest rise, so burglaries has seen reductions. We are awaiting forensics from those cases. |
| Q- Terling council has requested an AMPR camera | <p>Adam Pipe- AMPR cameras are placed strategically in areas where we know there will be crime. There is an audit that happen every year of AMPR cameras. We are open to conversations with parish councils.</p> <p>PFCC- We need to have a conversation with the parish council about placing a community special in Terling.</p> |
| Q- Can there be more collaborative work between Fire and Police especially in Hatfield Road Station? | PFCC- Joint home safety visits and joint school visits are very effective. 200,000 school kids a year have been reached by this service. There is stuff we can do, and we will do more around the county. |

DPFCC thanked everyone for their questions and the members of the panel for their answers.