



# PCC Police Joint Forum

The Auditorium  
Keynsham Community Space  
19 June 2019

## Agenda

### INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Dine Romero

Police & Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens

Assistant Chief Constable, Steve Cullen

### LOCAL POLICING PRESENTATION

Inspector Gavin Usher

### FORUM

An open session with questions from members of the public

The forum will end at 21.00.



# POLICING BaNES

Inspector Gavin Usher





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## Background:

The BaNES local policing area consists of nearly 40 local authority wards, which are covered by police stations at Redbridge House in Bath, Radstock, and a small Neighbourhood Police post in Keynsham Civic Centre. We have public counters at Lewis House Bath (soon to be a police station) , Ashmead Road Keynsham and Radstock.



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There are currently about 130 operational police officers and police staff members serving BaNES split between Response and Neighbourhood policing teams

The breakdown is:

74 PCs

40 PCSOs

15 Sergeants

1 Inspector

Out of this total your neighbourhood team consist of:



**1 x Chief Inspector**  
**1 x Inspector**  
**6 x Sgt's (split between Bath,  
Radstock and Keynsham)**  
**23 Neighbourhood PC's**  
**34 PCSO's.**

**A small neighbourhood team also  
specifically focusses on local  
priority issues such as drugs and  
anti-social behaviour.**

# Specific challenges

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- Bath is a major centre for tourism with 3.8 million day visitors to the city each year. It has a significant homeless / street community.
- Bath has a number of large educational institutions and a vibrant night time economy and business sector.
- Keynsham and Radstock are experiencing major re-development and expansion.
- Changes in the drug market and the advent of ‘county lines’ approach to drug distribution also presents challenges as we work to protect the most vulnerable in society with our partners.



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# Managing demand

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- A total of 37,357 requests for police services were received within the BaNES area over the last 12 months
- This is an 1.3% decrease over the previous 12 months. We work hard to reduce demand so that we can best utilise our resources.
- Crime in BaNES has seen an -4.2% decrease over the last 12 months. The constabulary has seen a -2.5% decrease.
- Keynsham has seen a -12.1% reduction in crime and a -24.2% reduction in ASB over the last year.
- Mental health / missing persons and social issues take up a significant amount of our service requests. Dealing with crime is only part of what we do !



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# Specific concerns within BaNES

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Homeless community  
Street drinkers  
ASB  
Drugs  
Road Safety



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# What are we doing about it ?

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- Neighbourhood teams focus on priorities
- Neighbourhood Sgt ownership
- Night time economy operations
- Re-invigoration of Community Speedwatch
- Local tasking and targeting operations
- Problem solving with partner agencies



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# Innovations to aid effective policing

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- Body Worn Cameras
- Personal issue Laptop Computers and mobile phones to increase mobile working
- Electric bikes
- Partnership approach
- Implementation of a data visualisation tool called 'Qlik' which provides greater insight and facilitates better informed decision making



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# Conclusion:

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Bath and North East Somerset is a great place to live and work. It is a safe place to live and work in comparison to many other areas of the country.

We and our partners, are committed to keeping you safe despite the significant demand and budget challenges that we face.



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# Thank you for listening

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