

Could the representative of the Crime and Police Panel give members an update on recent changes to neighbourhood policing in Bury? Has there been any reduction in the number of frontline police and PCSOs available for neighbourhood policing? What is the future of the Prestwich Police station on Fairfax Road?

A new model of Policing is being adopted in Bury to deliver local policing. This involves the introduction of larger neighbourhood teams made up of dedicated neighbourhood beat officers and neighbourhood detectives. The model aims to join up crime and anti-social behaviour issues at the local level, allowing the Police to identify hotspots and persistent and chaotic offenders. It aims to improve the way the Police solve problems rather than just reacting to incidents that occur, helping to ensure that they are driven by the priorities of local people.

In summary, the aims of this Policing model are to:

1. Strengthen local visible policing.
2. Protect vulnerable people
3. Deliver value for money
4. Reduce crime.
5. Reduce antisocial behaviour
6. Reduce repeat demand

The intention in Bury has always been to introduce this model of Policing – even prior to the introduction of public sector austerity measures. This is because it is believed that this model can help the Police streamline the way they police to obtain optimum efficiency. The original plan in Bury was to phase changes in by three divisions at a time from December 2013

However, due to the scale of the austerity measures currently faced, a decision has been taken to bring the process forward to 12th March 2013 in an effort to achieve efficiencies.

In Bury this will involve the following changes:

- ▶ Parading Stations reduced from 5 to 2, those being Bury DHQ and Whitefield. Prestwich Police Station will close when the lease expires at the end of March. Radcliffe and Ramsbottom Police Stations will remain operational.
- ▶ Our (current) 6 divisional beats are being replaced with two Integrated Neighbourhood Policing Teams - INPT1 (N1, N2, N3) and INPT2 (N4, N5 & N6)
- ▶ Shift Patterns
- ▶ IT Systems
- ▶ Job roles and responsibilities
- ▶ Creation of a Divisional Tasking Team and a Development Officer working on each of the 4 shifts within each INPT.

- ▶ INPT team daily briefings with a greater focus on HOT spot issues.
- ▶ Improved IT systems with the introduction of 'Know Your Community Report'
- ▶ Creation of Operational Support Officers (OSO's)

The implementation of the model Greater Manchester wide will actually see a growth of 5 constable posts for frontline duties in the Bury division. The number of PCSOs will drop slightly from the current 48 to 45 posts.

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