

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF POLICING IN WILTSHIRE

Wiltshire Police Authority's annual budget of £108 million must be reduced by £15 million over the next four years to meet government spending cuts.

It is the police authority's responsibility to ensure the police continue to provide an effective and efficient service across the whole of the Force area. Now is your chance to tell us which policing services you value most. Please read on for more information and how to give your feedback.

KEEPING POLICING LOCAL TO YOU WHILE SAVING £15 MILLION

Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA), working with Wiltshire Police, has developed plans to achieve the savings needed but it requires difficult decisions.

Wiltshire Police is likely to lose up to 150 police officer posts and up to 200 police staff posts. However we are committed to keeping officers on the streets and protecting the frontline as far as possible.

WPA proposes to keep to a minimum the changes you and other members of the public are likely to notice. However £15 million cannot be removed from annual budgets without affecting the service you receive on some non-urgent matters. For example, it could take longer before the phone is answered for non-urgent matters or for non-urgent administrative requests, such as firearms certificates applications, to be dealt with.

There is more detail on a paper presented to WPA in October 2010 on the website:
www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT A GLANCE:

- We are committed to keeping officers on the streets to deal with crime, anti-social behaviour and issues that concern you
- Public safety, protecting the vulnerable and people at risk remain a top priority
- You will still have the same number of neighbourhood police as you do now
- We will increase the use of new technology to keep officers on the beat for longer
- We will continue to answer 999 calls as quickly as we do now and maintain a centrally managed contact centre for non-emergency calls
- We will keep our 11 policing sectors to work with partners and local communities
- Our response policing teams will primarily operate from Swindon, Melksham and Salisbury where our custody centres are located
- Specialist officers, including roads policing and police dog handlers will be managed centrally
- Our current helicopter arrangements with the air ambulance will continue until at least 2014
- Crime investigators will be managed centrally but will still work locally
- Support services including administration and criminal justice processes will be streamlined
- The Swindon and County divisional structures will be merged
- Wherever possible, we will look to offer public facing services alongside other agencies, like councils, to make us more accessible to the public while reviewing the number of police stations we maintain
- Wiltshire Police will work with partners, such as councils and other police forces, where opportunities are identified that benefit the public and provide value for money
- We will reduce the level of goods and services we purchase and bulk-buy at a cheaper rate with other forces
- Wiltshire Police will use more 'local resolution', a new way of sorting out difficulties between people by getting them to reach agreement without court action

6. Do you think that Wiltshire Police Authority should spend MORE, the SAME or LESS money on the following. Please mark either more, the same or less for each:

	MORE	SAME	LESS
Answering emergency calls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tackling crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighbourhood policing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping people safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping the roads safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tackling anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dealing with administrative enquiries (such as firearms certificates, freedom of information requests, licensing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Please indicate from the list below what you think the TOP FIVE (1-5) priorities for Wiltshire Police should be (with 1 being your top priority)

Answering emergency calls		Being available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Tackling crime		Tackling anti-social behaviour	
Neighbourhood policing		Dealing with administrative enquiries (such as firearms certificates, freedom of information requests, licensing)	
Keeping people safe		Reducing costs by working with other police forces	
Keeping the roads safe		Being more efficient by working with other organisations	

8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'Wiltshire Police Authority should buy in Policing Services (eg, Major Investigation or Special Branch) from other Police Forces if it is considered to be more effective and efficient'

Please mark ONE of the following:

I strongly agree

I tend to agree

I don't know

I tend to disagree

I strongly disagree

9. Please write the first part of your postcode (e.g. BA15) (for analysis only)

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10. Please use this box to make any further comments you wish on WPA's proposals

Thank you for giving us your views. They will be taken into account. A summary of all views will be put on the website and sent to council Area Boards and Clusters. We can be contacted by post: Wiltshire Police Authority, Golden House, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2RD
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