



Community Scrutiny Committee 24 Sept 2013

7:00pm start in Council Chamber, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8EQ

There are a few issues which Members would like to focus on during your visit to the Committee. You are invited to open the session with your introductory response to the points below, which can then open up to a wider discussion with Members.

- What are the key principles underpinning your Policing Plan for Hertfordshire – with particular reference to the balance between crime prevention vs solving crime? We have some concerns, for example, you only mention the word ‘prevention’ three times in the entire 44 pages of the document *‘Everybody’s Business – The Police and Crime Plan for Hertfordshire 2013-2018’*.
- We recognise the reality of limited funding and the need to target spending on areas of high reported crime but, with the ‘Broken Windows’ theory in mind, what commitment is there for invest-to-save preventative work in East Herts to avoid crime and neglect developing and undoing previous good work?
- Thinking about reducing/keeping crime low in East Herts, what investment is being made in:
 - ‘new’ technology for crime and disorder
 - Drug and alcohol intervention/treatment
 - Thriving (troubled) families
- What partnership opportunities do you see ahead for cost savings and better joined-up working between agencies?
- East Herts greatly values its PCSOs and we continue to contribute towards the costs. What assurances can you give Members regarding your support for future funding being available for PCSOs and continuation of the ‘BOGOF’ arrangements which currently exist?