

Appendix 2

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do the revised Strategic Police Priorities sum up your ambitions for your police service?

Yes No X

Comments

The Strategic Priorities are in accordance with those that Scottish Borders Council's Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board have consistently highlighted to both the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland, particularly in relation to Localism and Prevention. However the detail of the implementation of these Priorities is important. The Priorities particularly Localism, Prevention and Collaborative Working need to be accompanied with an equitable distribution of resources to allow effective and responsive frontline and community policing to address the different priorities within each Police division, and to ensure that rural areas do not lose out to more urban areas.

The Strategic Police Priorities should also take account of the priorities of the police on the English side of the national border i.e. in Northumberland and Cumbria in order to ensure close cross-border working.

2. Do the revised Strategic Police Priorities reflect the needs of your local community or the communities you serve?

Yes No X

Comments

As mentioned above the detail of the implementation of these Strategic Priorities is paramount. Full consideration needs to be given to the different policing needs of rural areas such as the Scottish Borders. This is a need to empower local police to operate much more flexibly to deal with local priorities focusing on early intervention and prevention. It is considered that the locality approach developed by Police Scotland through the Local Authority Multi-Member Wards provides the opportunity to do this provided there is effective local consultation and engagement. Police Scotland should look upon local authorities as a two way conduit to assist their communication in local areas.

3. Do you have anything to add to our impact assessments?

Yes X No

Comments

The Equality Impact assessment of the Strategic Police Priorities should ensure equalities impacts of policing in both urban and rural areas are fully considered

as these can be markedly different because of the types of criminal activity, accessibility issues and the contribution of local communities to local policing.