



west midlands
police and crime
commissioner

Birmingham Local Policing Plan

I am pleased to introduce this local Police and Crime Plan for 2013-14. It reflects our focus in Birmingham for the next year – how we continue to deliver the service you expect, to protect you from harm and also to address those very localised issues that you tell us cause you harm and concern in your neighbourhoods.

Birmingham is an exciting and increasingly diverse city. It is the safest core city in the UK and crime here is at record low levels, and we are working hard to keep it that way.

We also have responsibility for supporting the national policing agenda and all the different services we deliver as a force are in line with the national strategic policing requirement as outlined by the Home Office.

Birmingham partnership working is key to our continued success. Throughout the coming year, we will be working with our strategic partners towards a series of common goals focusing in the following areas:

- Extremism with a specific focus on terrorism
- Children's safeguarding board
- Adults' safeguarding board
- Troubled families programme board
- Health & wellbeing board
- Children's trust board
- Violence against women board

As well as our day to day work of delivering policing across Birmingham, we are also committed to focusing on specific 'priority areas' alongside our partners and

neighbourhoods. Partnership working is also vitally important as we work to deliver policing alongside new welfare reforms which affect our communities.

We have consulted widely with the community regarding our priorities. We really appreciate the feedback we've had and have used the information you have given us to inform our priorities for the coming year. We have produced this local policing plan after meeting and speaking with members of the community, looking at local survey results and engaging with our local community contacts, neighbourhood groups and independent advisory groups. This lays out our priorities for the coming year, as agreed with you, our local community.

I and all my staff across Birmingham are committed to delivering an excellent quality of service, which supports our vision and is underpinned by our values. We know at times we may not get it right so your feedback remains very important to us.

We thank you, our communities and our partners, for your help and support over the past year and for the year ahead.

**Assistant Chief Constable
Garry Forsyth**
*Chair of Birmingham
Community Safety
Partnership*



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Our focus

We will be working closely with Birmingham Community Safety Partnership to focus on the following areas across Birmingham

Total recorded crime: We will use information from a wide range of partner agencies and understand the profile of offending in Birmingham and target resources to disrupt and deter those people causing most harm to our communities.

Making the public feel safer by communicating all the work that is going on in their area: We will focus on engaging in a range of ways to listen to and understand your concerns.

Violence against the person: We will identify the areas of Birmingham where violent crime is a problem for our communities and tackle these.

Integrated offender management – tackling reoffending: We will continue our existing work with the additional emphasis on strengthening partnership working.

Anti-social behaviour: We will tackle the community issues that you identified and which impact on community confidence and perceptions of safety including road safety and drug dealing.

Night time economy in the city centre: We will continue our existing work to make Birmingham a safe place to spend time, addressing alcohol related offending.

Organised crime groups and gangs: We will protect our communities from the harm caused by organised crime and the presence of gangs.

Domestic violence: We will work with partners to continue to improve the way we deal with domestic abuse.

Our Mission
*Serving our communities,
protecting them from harm*

Our Values

- We put the public first in everything we do
- We act with integrity, fairness and humanity
- We are one team working together
- We listen, learn and strive to improve
- We do the right thing and deliver a service that our friends and family would be proud of.

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Our objectives

To tackle these issues that matter to you, as well as providing the service that you expect from us, there are actions that we will take and lots of activity that we will be doing across Birmingham.

- **Increase your trust and confidence** in your police through improved engagement ensuring that we publish information about our progress to address community concerns.
- **We will continue to reduce crime and offending:** By solving or resolving crime and incidents of anti-social behaviour to your satisfaction, we will take every opportunity to involve you, our communities in the restorative justice processes.
- **Protect our communities from harm:** We will deal swiftly and effectively with the threat posed by organised criminal groups and gangs and those offenders who continue to affect our communities.
- **Improve your satisfaction in our services:** By listening to you and dealing with the issues that matter most to you, we will improve your satisfaction with our service.
- **Tackling re-offending:** We will identify and target persistent and high risk offenders by working closely with you, the local community, partner agencies and other local groups.
- **Reducing repeat victims:** By continuing to identify repeat victims and callers, in particular those suffering from domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour we will increase your satisfaction with our services.
- **Safeguard vulnerable groups:** We will identify and support our vulnerable victims, supporting those suffering hate crimes and where it is appropriate to do so, we will ensure we refer vulnerable members of our community to other services for further support.
- **Increasing the understanding of Birmingham's young people:** We will listen to and work with our young people to identify their needs and understand how partner agencies can provide support for diversionary activities.
- **Improving quality of life in priority areas:** By listening to local residents, working with you on community projects and monitoring issues that cause tension.
- **Improving town centre safety:** We will improve safety and your feelings of safety in our city and town centres, by reducing violence, damage and anti-social behaviour. We will work closely with businesses across Birmingham to reduce thefts and help improve crime prevention.
- **Responding effectively to calls for service:** We aim to respond to you in an appropriate way, getting quickly and safely to those that need us urgently. When it's not urgent we will agree a convenient time to see you and keep to those appointments.
- **Keeping you informed about policing in your area:** We aim to keep you informed about the work that is going on in your area, listening to your views and learning from them.



Birmingham North

Sutton Coldfield and Erdington districts

Community Concerns

As well as working hard to address the objectives of the force, we have asked you, the community, to tell us what matters to you most. You have identified the following issues and we will focus our teams, working with partners to tackle these things that cause you concern.

Tackling anti-social behaviour and disorder from the night time economy: We will reduce night time anti social behaviour in Sutton Coldfield town centre. In partnership with the local licensees, we aim to improve standards within the night time economy. We will engage with licensed premises at a neighbourhood level monthly to ensure compliance with their conditions.

Inconsiderate and illegal parking/speeding: We will deliver a targeted parking or speeding enforcement initiative at least once per month. We will manage the districts' traffic issues strategically through the local partners.

Tackling litter and graffiti: We will deliver a minimum of four joint police/environmental services enforcement/awareness operations in a year. We will deliver targeted initiatives in response to local need, measuring results through local surveys.

Improving youth engagement: We will deliver a minimum of eight local youth engagement projects along with partner agencies. We will deliver locally based social media training to communities to engage with young people.

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Birmingham South Northfield, Edgbaston and Selly Oak districts

Community Concerns

As well as working hard to address the objectives of the force, we have asked you, the community, to tell us what matters to you most. You have identified the following issues and we will focus our teams, working with partners to tackle these things that cause you concern.

Anti-social behaviour which includes young people loitering in groups: We will reduce repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour by engaging and working with young people and partner agencies to reduce the likelihood of this anti-social behaviour in the areas identified through local engagement.

Burglary: We will reduce burglary by focusing on the areas suffering from this crime, ensuring offenders are targeted and managed to reduce offending.

Drug dealing and drug use: We will increase our activities (including warrants, arrests for drug dealing and seizures) to address drug dealing and its effect on the community.

Prostitution – specifically in and around Hagley Road, Edgbaston: We will continue to tackle prostitution and its effect through a number of activities including working with partners and the community.

Speeding and inconsiderate parking: We will continue to tackle speeding and inconsiderate parking where identified as an area of concern through a number of activities including working with partners and the community.

Vehicle crime: We will reduce the number of vehicle crime offences.



Birmingham West and Central Ladywood and Perry Barr districts, including the city centre

Community concerns

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Tackling drug dealing and drug use: We will increase the number of occasions we seize assets from drug dealers.

Reducing burglary: We will reduce burglary by focusing on the areas suffering from this crime, ensuring offenders are targeted and managed to reduce offending.

Reducing speeding drivers and anti-social use of cars: We will continue to tackle the street racer problem through a long term partnership approach and we will undertake a speed watch operation every week in our policing area.

Anti-social behaviour, public drunkenness, graffiti: We will ensure that our communities are satisfied with the service they receive when they report anti-social behaviour.

Robbery: We will reduce robbery by focusing on the areas suffering from this crime, ensuring offenders are targeted and managed to reduce offending.

Serious crime involving guns, knives and gangs: We will target criminal gangs operating in central Birmingham.

Night time economy: We will reduce crime and disorder within the night time economy of Broad Street and the Arcadian Centre.

Business crime and shoplifting: We will continue to tackle shoplifting in our area and reduce all other business crime.



Birmingham East

Hodge Hill, Yardley and Hall Green districts

Community concerns

As well as working hard to address the objectives of the force, we have asked you, the community, to tell us what matters to you most. You have identified the following issues and we will focus our teams, working with partners to tackle these things that cause you concern.

Drug dealing: We will increase our arrests for drug dealing and seize criminal assets.

Burglary reductions: We will reduce burglary by focusing on the areas suffering from this crime, ensuring offenders are targeted and managed to reduce offending.

Speeding: We will continue to tackle speeding where identified as an area of concern through a number of activities including working with partners and the community.

Inconsiderate parking: We will support the Local Authority in enforcing the law around this and target areas of greatest concern with at least one enforcement operation in each district every week.

Young people loitering in groups: We will work with young people, partners and you in the areas highlighted through local meetings, and ensure that our communities are satisfied with the service they receive when they report anti-social behaviour and that your concerns are reduced.

Graffiti/litter: We will support the local authority in areas that cause you the greatest concern ensuring that our communities are satisfied with the service they receive when they report anti-social behaviour and that your concerns are reduced.

Our Vision Pride in our Police



Chief Constable Chris Sims and Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones will work together to achieve these aims.

Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones will be responsible for improving ownership through these themes:



Chief Constable Chris Sims will be responsible for improved delivery through development of these themes:



Through our hard work and passion for public service we are striving to build your pride in us. You can help us recognise the life changing work so many colleagues do on a daily basis as well as sharing your experiences where we could and should have done better so we can continually improve. You can share your feedback with us and the wider public via rateyourlocalpolice.co.uk/. One of the ways you can let your neighbourhood policing team know directly about the things that matter to you is via west-midlands.police.uk. If you wish to let me know what you think about policing locally you can also contact me via Contact Your Commander on our website.

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