

# **Policing: Building Safer Communities Together**

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# Increasing Community Engagement

- Role of Police Service misunderstood
- Intention to communicate this better through the internet, libraries, supermarkets and community centres
- Ideas are requested on how to expand and make neighbourhood watch more widespread

# Accountability of Policing (1)

- Intention to delegate responsibilities and resources to local police leaders – a more localised policing service
- Home Office considering making community consultation a statutory requirement of police service
- Considering introducing community advocates and Neighbourhood Panels on policing

# Accountability of Policing (2)

- Intention to increase the involvement of local people in the governing arrangements for police through establishing a local Police Board.
- Intention to review the constitutional arrangements and partnership arrangements between the Local Authority and the Police
- Introducing a second non-emergency other number – keeping 999 for emergencies only.

# Police Modernisation

- Home Office intend to reward success with greater freedom of flexibility and take greater policing decisions at local level
- Home Office are considering involving local people in police recruitment, particularly to enhance equalities and diversity
- Police structure is likely to change, moving away from command and control methods

# Questions to consider

1. Are there any other ways beyond existing forums that the local community could become more involved in policing and is this desirable?
2. Is there support for the involvement of the community through community advocates, and what should this role entail?
3. Is there support for the involvement of the local community in police recruitment, and if so how should this operate?

# Questions to consider

4. Greater decision making at a local level would be welcomed. In what ways could high performance be rewarded so that local people can benefit from the local policing?
5. Is there any need to strengthen the partnership role of the police and if so, how?
6. Is there support for a non-emergency phone number in addition to 999?