



# ***MORE POLICE - SAFER STREETS***

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*Dear Resident*

Having served as Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner since 2012, I have the experience and proven track record to continue making a difference to policing our county.

As PCC, I have robustly held the police to account on behalf of residents, successfully supported victims of crime and invested heavily in frontline policing. Achievements so far include:

- The biggest rise in police officer numbers with more now than when I was re-elected in 2016
- Restored neighbourhood policing, recruited more PCSOs
- Established a ground-breaking early-intervention scheme REBOOT for 11-17 year olds
- Delivered on rural and business community crime concerns, with a dedicated Rural Crime Team and Sussex Safer Business Partnership
- Ensured Sussex Police treat road safety and antisocial behaviour seriously
- Directed £ millions of pounds to support victims of crime, divert young people from harm and helped communities protect themselves

This election matters. The PCC is responsible for setting the £310m budget, has powers to appoint and dismiss the Chief Constable and must ensure residents' views are represented when setting policing priorities.

We've made real progress to deliver - let's not put that work at risk now.

*Katy Bourne*



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## ***MORE POLICE - SAFER STREETS***

### **Katy Bourne's six point plan**

- ✓ **Cut crime, catch more criminals, fight drugs gangs and reduce re-offending - making everyone safer**
- ✓ **More police - 379 more police officers and a named PCSO in your community**
- ✓ **Action on rural crime, including a dedicated rural crime team**
- ✓ **Invest in roads policing to tackle anti-social driving**
- ✓ **Make shops and businesses safer places to work and visit**
- ✓ **Support victims of crime, especially our elderly and young and protect our most vulnerable from all forms of abuse**

# Priority 1 Strengthen local policing, tackle crime and prevent harm

## Local, visible and accessible policing

- Local, visible and accessible policing throughout Sussex.
- Problem-solving partnership activity and early intervention to prevent crime.
- Proactive policing to catch more criminals, cut crime and improve public safety.
- Increase the confidence of victims to report traditionally underreported crimes to Sussex Police to bring more offenders to justice.
- Operational policing that is efficient, effective and responsive to the needs of the public.
- Invest in innovation, technology and new ways of working to maximise productivity and efficiency gains for policing.

## Anti-social behaviour

- Tackle anti-social behaviour to protect communities and prevent anti-social behaviour from being a pathway to more serious crime and harm.
- Improve police engagement with the public about the impact of anti-social behaviour.
- Ensure effective mediation services are available to prevent conflict from escalating further, decrease community tensions and reduce the demand on Sussex Police.
- Work with schools and young people to build confidence in policing and promote positive behaviours.

## Burglary

- Seek to reduce the number of residential and non-residential burglaries in Sussex, including business premises.
- Continue to provide support for victims of burglary, particularly those who are vulnerable, and prevent them being re-targeted.

## Rural crime

- Maintain a dedicated Rural Crime Team and improve their visible policing presence.

- Work with our rural communities to encourage better engagement with the police and a greater confidence to report crimes.
- More effective communication with rural communities through the Sussex and Surrey Association of Local Councils

## Road safety

- Reduce anti-social driving behaviour on the roads in Sussex and recognise the impact that this can have on the communities affected.
- Tackle the most serious, organised and persistent criminals by targeting the road networks in Sussex.
- Encourage communities, road users and partners to play a full and active part in making the roads of Sussex safer, working in partnership with the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership, Operation Crackdown and Community Speed Watch groups to achieve this

## Business and retail crime

- Tackle business and retail crime by enabling increased reporting of incidents through technology and smarter police processes.
- Ensure a more focused police response to reports of business crime with more specialist officers and staff.
- Work with businesses and partners to generate better intelligence leading to positive outcomes and increased business confidence in police.

## Hate crime

- Encourage and enable victims and witnesses to report hate crime and ensure that offenders are brought to justice.
- Continue to jointly fund and work with the pan-Sussex Hate Incident Support Service to provide support to complex, high-risk and vulnerable victims of hate crime through the provision of immediate emotional support, advice and coordination with partner agencies.

- Use the Safer Sussex Business Partnership to develop stronger links between Sussex Police and local businesses in order to make Sussex a safer place in which to shop and work.

### Partnership activity to reduce crime

- Continue to provide a case management system to facilitate real-time information sharing between police and local authority partners.
- Work with and support the 12 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Sussex to address crime and anti-social behaviour at a district level.
- Continue to support REBOOT – our successful Early Intervention Youth Programme – to divert young people away from crime and to reduce the risk of them becoming the victim or suspect of future serious violence.
- Work with Sussex Police to develop the range of Out of Court Disposal options available in Sussex to divert individuals away from the criminal justice system by considering alternative approaches to prosecution.
- Recognise and address any disproportionality that exists within the criminal justice system towards our diverse communities.
- Continue to chair, convene and coordinate the activity of local criminal justice agencies through the Sussex Criminal Justice Board (SCJB) to improve access to justice; reduce offending and expand the use of restorative justice across Sussex.
- Work with partners to reduce crime and reoffending through Integrated Offender Management, including tackling the acute shortage of accommodation for offenders through the SCJB.

### Call handling times and contact

- Make it easier for members of the public to contact Sussex Police and continue to improve the 999, 101 and non-voice demand response times and encourage greater online reporting.
- Provide frontline officers and PCSOs with efficient and effective technology and data access to enable them to police in their communities.

### Police officers, staff, PCSOs and special constables

- Continue our local recruitment funded by the police precept.
- To improve workforce diversity to better reflect the demographics of Sussex.
- To ensure Sussex Police meets its equality, diversity and inclusivity obligations and promotes a culture that fully embraces this.
- Support Sussex Police to recruit 121 additional police officers as part of Operation Uplift – the Government campaign to recruit 20,000 new police officers in England and Wales over the next three years.
- Support increased participation by communities in community safety initiatives through the Special Constabulary, Police Cadets, Independent Custody Visitors and other volunteer roles dedicated to preventing crime and safeguarding the individuals detained in police custody in Sussex.

### Public engagement

- Continue to participate in #TalkSussex – an extensive public engagement programme – to provide the residents of Sussex with the opportunity to inform local policing and budget decisions and to discuss any issues with me and my office directly.



## Priority 2

## Relentless disruption of serious and organised crime

### Serious violence and knife crime

- Tackle serious violence and knife crime in Sussex.
- Seek to understand better the root causes of serious violence in Sussex.
- Support and enhance the Sussex Police response to serious violence, as part of Operation Safety.
- Co-ordinate the work of the Violence Reduction Unit to reduce the risks to individuals and communities throughout Sussex.
- Reinforce the local capacity and national capability of Sussex Police to carry out high-profile disruptions and enforcement activities targeting serious and organised criminals.
- Tackle the most serious, organised and persistent criminals who are targeting the road networks in Sussex in order to carry out their criminality.

### Drugs and county lines

- Tackle and disrupt organised crime groups behind county lines drug gang activity.
- Recognise the exploitation of children and young people and continue to identify and safeguard those most at risk.

### Homicide

- Support all available measures by police and partners to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured as a result of homicide and serious violence in Sussex.

### Modern slavery

- Continue to work with law enforcement agencies; local authorities; non-governmental organisations and charities to coordinate the local, regional and national response to modern slavery through the National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery Network.

### Child sexual exploitation and abuse

- Work with Sussex Police and other agencies to protect children from criminal

exploitation by raising awareness and increasing the reporting of these offences against children.

- Ensure that child victims receive the support they need and that offenders are brought to justice.

### Fraud and cyber crime

- Identify, understand and tackle emerging fraud crime types.
- Work with Action Fraud – the national reporting centre for fraud and cyber-crime in England and Wales – to provide help, support and advice to individuals and businesses who have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime.
- Ensure that police officers and staff have the capacity, capability, systems and equipment to tackle the volume and complexity of cyber-crime.
- Allocate further funding from the Safer in Sussex Community Fund to support local projects across Sussex to tackle crime and improve community safety.



## Priority 3

## Support victims and safeguard the vulnerable

### Domestic abuse

- Help put in place measures that support partners to prevent offending and reduce reoffending, with an emphasis on reducing domestic abuse, serious sexual offences and violent crime.
- Continue to work with partners to ensure that Sussex offers quality services for victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse and our youngest victims of crime to help provide seamless support throughout their journey through the criminal justice system.
- Support victims and their families affected by domestic abuse to feel safe and cope and recover from harm, offering targeted help through commissioned services in partnership across the county.
- Train and develop frontline professionals to recognise the signs and indicators of domestic abuse, how to respond and where to go to for further assistance.
- Support victims of domestic abuse who have also experienced sexual abuse and/or stalking and harassment, ensuring they receive the specialist help, support and advice they need.
- Provide independent advice and guidance to protect and support victims identified to be at the most significant risk of harm from domestic abuse perpetrators.
- Develop approaches to tackling domestic abuse perpetrators through justice and interventions to change behaviour to reduce repeat victimisation.
- Continue to invest in Body Worn Video technology to ensure that all frontline police officers and PCSOs are equipped with personal-issue cameras to capture evidence that can be used to improve the successful outcomes in domestic abuse cases and ensure that more perpetrators are brought to justice. This includes victimless prosecutions where the victim does not want to support a prosecution.

### Rape and serious sexual offences

- Continue to invest in specialist support services to assist victims and survivors with their recoveries from rape, sexual violence and exploitation by co-commissioning a Pan-Sussex service accessible to all.



- Encourage victims of rape and serious sexual assaults – both recent and non-current – to report these to the police or through other partners to ensure that all vulnerable victims can be supported, and more offenders are brought to justice.
- Work with partner agencies to highlight the impact of rape, sexual violence and exploitation and how frontline professionals can support disclosures and seek further guidance and support.
- Support the re-commissioning of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre for Sussex in partnership with National Health Service (NHS) England, including a thorough needs assessment and adherence to new forensic regulations.

### Stalking and harassment

- Continue to embed Sussex Police processes and procedures to ensure that stalking and harassment is identified and managed effectively to reduce harm.
- Work with partner agencies to raise awareness of the dangers and harm of stalking and harassment by improving the identification of these offences and the support available for victims. If it is fixated, obsessive, unwanted and repeated then it is stalking.
- Commission specialist advocacy services for victims of stalking and harassment in Sussex, ensuring these are accessible to all. • develop partnership responses to tackling stalking perpetrators.

### Elder abuse

- Work with Sussex Police to tackle the financial; physical; psychological and sexual abuse of older people. Elder abuse can be a single, or repeated act, or

lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person.

- Continue to support and raise awareness of Operation Signature – the nationally adopted Sussex Police campaign to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud – to recognise victims of all types of fraud as victims of crime and to provide preventative measures to support and protect them from further targeting.

### Quality victim support services

- Directly commission and work with statutory partners to maximise the use of public funds in order to provide support to as many victims as possible.
- Develop the Safe:Space Sussex Funding Network of 'approved' providers of specialist support services to ensure that they continue to demonstrate the highest levels of quality standards and assurance required.
- Continue to provide and promote Safe:Space Sussex – the online directory of victim support services throughout Sussex.
- Commission services either as stand-alone or in partnership to provide the best possible response to the most vulnerable victims of crime.
- Identify which services work best for victims of crime in Sussex and why, through improved outcome monitoring and close partnership working with other agencies. This information will be used to help design future services, ensuring the voice of the victim is placed at the centre of funding and service decisions.
- Continue to provide successful outcomes for victims of crime seeking restitution by confronting perpetrators and describing the impact of the crime upon them and their families – rather than from a criminal justice outcome – through the Sussex Restorative Justice Partnership.

### Safeguard the vulnerable

- Implement a Victim Hub approach to supporting vulnerable victims in Sussex, ensuring victims receive the right support and safety advice and guidance by the most appropriate service.
- Ensure that victims and witnesses are supported to facilitate a positive

experience of the criminal justice system.

- Work with partner agencies to identify repeat vulnerable victims to safeguard against further harm.
- Seek to reduce the risk of vulnerable victims and witnesses travelling long distances to give evidence at court.
- Support children and young people attending court – either as victims of crime or witnesses to it – through the Young Witness Service and other dedicated services for children.

### Improve access to justice

- Ensure that the Sussex Police estate is in the right place, is fit for purpose and is efficient through the delivery of the Estates Strategy 2018/23.
- Examine options for sharing with partners and disposal for redevelopment where the police estate is under-used.
- Seek to secure additional funding from district and borough councils across Sussex through Section 106 Agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy to support further investment and improvements in the Sussex Police estate and existing policing infrastructure.

