

ESSEX POLICE



Operational Policing Blueprint

Epping Scrutiny Committee

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Setting the scene

- n 3,500 police officers
- n Over 350 Police Community Support Officers
- n 600 Special Constables
- n 877 vehicles travelling 15.8million mile per annum
- n 112 operational buildings covering 97,000 m²
- n Net revenue expenditure £262million
- n Cover 1400 sq. miles
- n 1.7million residents in 730,000 households
- n 25,000 emergency calls handled per month



Ambition for the 'Blueprint'

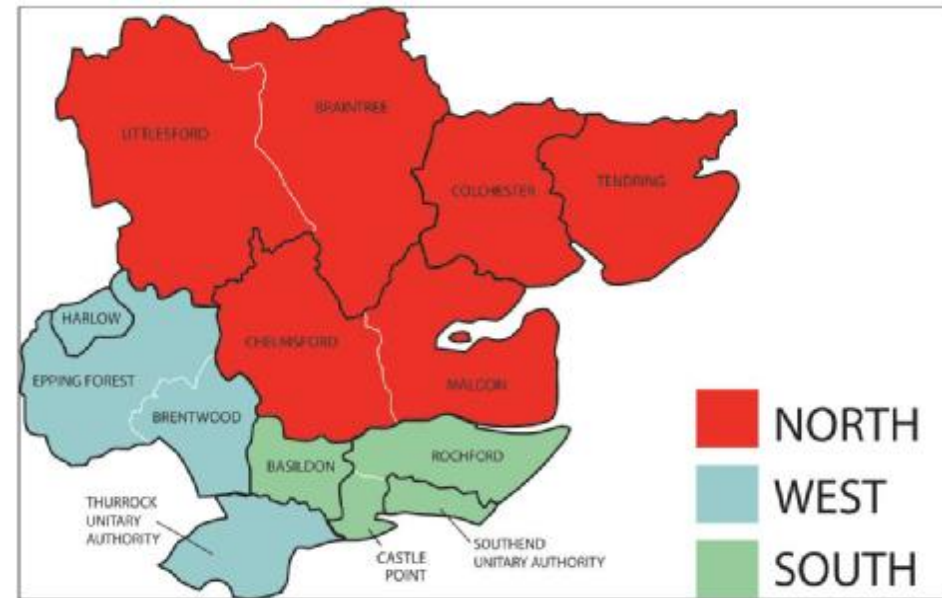
To reconfigure operational services across the force to:

- n Improve productivity
- n Increase availability
- n Reduce cost



What will change?

n “Borderless” policing concept:



Move away from traditional BCU model and geographical constraints on resources

Response hubs



Neighbourhood Policing

- § An increase in designated Neighbourhood Policing officers
- § Epping Forest / Brentwood staffing numbers:

Rank	Current	Post-Blueprint
Chief Inspector	1 / 1	1
Inspector	2 / 1	3
Sergeant	4 / 3	6 / 3
PC	21 / 11	27 / 16
TOTAL	44	57



Neighbourhood Policing

- § An increase in designated Neighbourhood Policing officers.
- § Focus on anti-social behaviour and non emergency / priority, non crime incidents as well as in depth public engagement, long term problem solving and quality of life issues.
- § Additional support from a larger Neighbourhood Team to deal with general demand.
- § Support from the Special Constabulary.
- § Community Safety & Partnerships Unit, led by a designated Inspector and sergeant and comprising Essex Watch Administrators, Crime Reduction Officers and Licensing Staff. This unit is based at Epping Police station with satellite offices at Brentwood, Ongar and Loughton.



REFORM ESTATE REVIEW - OBJECTIVES

- n Rationalisation of existing estate to achieve:**
 - Capital receipts from sale of buildings surplus to requirements
 - Subsequent reduction in annual revenue cost of maintaining Force Estate (currently £8 million)
- n Ensure that the Operational Blueprint is supported by the right number of buildings in the right locations**
- n Maximise utilisation of retained accommodation (eg. Waltham Abbey)**
- n Work within the constraints of the existing estate**
- n Progress Partnership Sharing opportunities (eg. Wa)**



FORCE ESTATE SUMMARY

At commencement of review:

- n 48 police stations (front counters and Neighbourhood Policing bases)**
- n 44 other police buildings**
- n 20 buildings within the HQ complex**
- n 112 properties in total in addition to 12 partner bases**

METHODOLOGY

- n Assessed Blueprint accommodation requirements**
- n Identified buildings required for the foreseeable future**
- n Adopted 3 phased approach for remaining buildings (in close liaison with the Service Desk review)**
 - Phase 1: Buildings already approved as surplus but not sold yet**
 - Phase 2: Buildings recommended as surplus to requirement**
 - Phase 3: Post Blueprint review of retained Estate in 2013/14**
(Re-assess utilisation and further Partnership sharing opportunities)



Epping District – Police Buildings

- n Epping Police Station
- n Loughton Police Station
- n Waltham Abbey Police Station
- n Ongar Police Station

- n Front Counter Provision:
 - Epping (open 12.00 to 6.00 pm Mon – Sat)
 - Loughton (open 12.00 to 6.00 pm Mon – Sat)
 - Waltham Abbey (Front Counter ceased from Nov 2011)
 - Ongar (Front Counter ceased from Nov 2011)



Essex Police analysed the footfall at all of our front counter locations for two weeks during November and December 2010.

- n *Loughton:* Averages 13 visits to the front counter per day, with 17% of these being after midnight.**
- n *Waltham Abbey:* Nearest alternative is Loughton @ 5.4 miles. Average 2.7 visits per day. Average 3 incoming telephone calls per day.**
- n *Ongar:* Average 5.5 visitors per day and 5 incoming telephone calls.**
- n *Epping:* Average 7.5 visits per day and 7 telephone calls.**



Epping District – Future of Police Buildings

- n Epping, Loughton & Ongar police stations to be retained
- n Waltham Abbey police station has previously been assessed for Partnership Sharing opportunities as part of our ongoing relationship with ECFRS and ECC – however there will be no further planning on this until post Olympics 2012, due to specialist Airwave Mast provision from this site



Operational Policing Command

- n** Response and Patrol will be borderless, rather than being restricted to geographical locations.
- n** Making best use of new technology, such as Mobile Data Tablets and Automatic Resource Location System.
- n** A new Tactical Support Group capable of rapidly responding to demand across the force.
- n** Building upon our established capabilities such as firearms, public order, CBRN, marine and Air Support.