

North Kesteven



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(call anonymously with information about crime)

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Joint Statement from the Chief Constable and Chairman

“Following consultation, neighbourhood policing was agreed as a top priority area for Lincolnshire Police. We now have neighbourhood policing teams based throughout Lincolnshire which contribute to the provision of a citizen focused service. They direct their efforts at the heart of communities by working with councils and other partners to tackle locally identified issues of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

In addition to the delivery of a citizen focused service, we are very proud to report improvements in all other policing areas selected for prioritisation in 2006/2007.¹

- Burglary in a dwelling is down 5% meaning 106 fewer victims
- Serious violent crime is down 12% which is 677 fewer victims
- There have been 12450 sanctioned detections,² 2% up on last year
- Public satisfaction levels are up to 79% compared to 73% last year
- The number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads is down 25%

These improvements have been delivered within a restricted budget and this will remain a major challenge in the year ahead. We continue to lobby government for improved funding while embracing opportunities to collaborate with other Forces and partners to enhance our already efficient and effective service for Lincolnshire.”



Tony Lake, QPM
Chief Constable



Angela Crowe, JP
Police Authority Chairman

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) Assessment

Every year all Forces are assessed by HMIC. Each service area is given a grade of poor, fair, good or excellent. Whether the service area has improved or not is also looked at with performance direction grades of deteriorated, stable or improved. Below are the most recent gradings for Lincolnshire.

Service Area	Grade	Performance Direction	Service Area	Grade	Performance Direction
Fairness and Equality in Service Delivery	Fair	Stable	Contact Management	Good	Stable
Neighbourhood Policing and Problem Solving	Fair	Stable	Providing Specialist Operational Support	Fair	Stable
Customer Service and Accessibility	Fair	Stable	Strategic Roads Policing	Good	Stable
Professional Standards	Fair	Not Graded	Human Resource Management	Fair	Improved
Volume Crime Reduction	Fair	Stable	Training, Development and Organisational Learning	Good	Improved
Managing Critical Incidents and Major Crime	Fair	Improved	Race and Diversity	Fair	Stable
Tackling Serious and Organised Criminality	Poor	Improved	Managing Financial and Physical Resources	Fair	Improved
Volume Crime Investigation	Poor	Stable	Information Management	Good	Stable
Improving Forensic Performance	Good	Improved	National Intelligence Model	Fair	Improved
Criminal Justice Processes	Good	Improved	Leadership	Good	Not Graded
Reducing Antisocial Behaviour	Good	Stable	Performance Management and Continuous Improvement	Good	Stable
Protecting Vulnerable People	Poor	Stable			

¹ Figures are from 1st April up to the 31st January in comparison with the same period last year. Figures for the full year will be available on the website in our Policing Plan 2007/2008.

² A recordable crime for which a person has been charged, summoned, cautioned, reprimanded, given a warning or the offence has been taken into consideration at court

Budget

The Police Authority takes around 10% of the total Council Tax bill. For a property in band D this was £125.37 in 2006/07. For 2007/08 it will be £131.58 This is a 4.95% increase.

The main increases are:

	£ Million
Employee Costs	4.4
Other price increases	0.4
SUB TOTAL	4.8
Other costs	
Unavoidable Developments	1.3
Loss of reserves	1.5
Other service costs	1.3
Capital financing	0.9
SUB TOTAL	9.8
LESS SAVINGS	(1.4)
TOTAL	8.4

Capital Programme 2007/2008

We plan to spend:	£ Million
Property	2.9
Information Communications	
Technology	1.6
Vehicles	1.2
Equipment	0.7
Total	6.4
Staff	
We employ:	
1228 Police Officers	
784 Police Staff	
149 Police Community Support Officers	

Where the money comes from (£ millions)

	2006/07	2007/08
Government grant	39.3	40.2
Other specific grant	7.2	8.6
Special grant	-	3.4
Business rates	19.0	20.3
Council tax	28.2	29.9
Miscellaneous	6.5	6.2
Total	100.2	108.6

Where the money is spent (£ millions)

	2006/07	2007/08
Employees	80.2	85.3
Running costs	18.7	21.4
Contingency	1.3	1.9
Total	100.2	108.6





Policing Priority Areas

Lincolnshire Police Authority is an independent body of 17 local people who monitor the Police Force. One of the duties of the Authority is to set priorities for the Force each year after considering consultation results. Full details can be found in our Policing Plan which will be available on our website in April. Here is a preview of what we will be prioritising in 2007/2008.



Reducing Crime

We will be implementing a detailed plan for crime reduction. Working with our partners, we will fast track prolific offenders into the justice system. This year our target will be to reduce British Crime Survey Comparator Crime. This incorporates vehicle theft, burglary, bicycle theft, theft from person, vandalism (criminal damage), common assault, wounding and robbery.

Reducing Violent Crime

Lincolnshire Police will concentrate particularly on violent crime and violent crimes against vulnerable people such as children and the elderly. Together with other agencies we will implement the national plan for addressing domestic violence including protecting high-risk victims.

Neighbourhood Policing

A visible and accessible service is what the neighbourhood policing initiative is designed to deliver. Problems, such as antisocial behaviour, will be locally identified and addressed. Our target will be to increase confidence with this citizen focused style of policing.

Increasing Sanctioned Detections

A sanctioned detection is recorded where a person is charged, and cautioned or summonsed, and when offences are taken into consideration. We will use forensic science and technology to help achieve convictions and ensure effective information sharing with other Forces.

Reducing the Number of People Killed and Seriously Injured (KSIs) on Lincolnshire's Roads

The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has been awarded national Beacon Status as an example of good practice. Having already exceeded the Government target of reducing KSIs by 40% by 2010, the target for the coming year will be to further reduce the number of Child KSIs.

Increasing Satisfaction with Service

We consult with residents who have reported a crime to see if they are happy with the response. We ask if they are satisfied with the arrival time, the actions taken, the treatment by Officers and the extent to which they were kept informed. We will aim for a target of 85% satisfaction with the overall service provided and aim to improve keeping people informed.

We will also work towards the national priorities set by the Home Secretary. These include strengthening public protection by tackling serious and organised crime and protecting the country from both terrorism and extremism.

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