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PCC & CHIEF HOST MEETINGS TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY POLICING IN SUFFOLK

The way local policing is delivered in Suffolk is changing and a new county policing model goes live in December 2023.

In advance of the changes, the Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore and Chief Constable Rachel Kearton are hosting a series of meetings to talk through the plans with local communities and answer any questions they may have.

Tim Passmore, Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner said, "Public engagement is hugely important in my role as PCC and I try to make myself available to anyone who needs to contact me but it is equally important to have these more formal meetings where the Chief and I can update local residents on policing in the county and give people an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

"I do hope people will accept this invite to come and find out more about policing in Suffolk. We will explain the new county policing model, but Rachel and I will be pleased to discuss any other matter that arises including the Right Care Right Person initiative which the Constabulary is launching in October."

He added, "I am hoping for an open and frank two-way dialogue, it is important that I listen to the views of the public I represent, so please spread the word as I really want to encourage a good crowd to each of the meetings."

Chief Constable Rachel Kearton said, "The changes to the County Policing Command will ensure we have officers in the right places to focus on responding to and reducing incoming demand. The new operating model, which will be introduced in early December, consists of three strands, Response Investigating Teams, Community Policing Teams and a Partnership and Prevention Hub and has been designed to meet the increasing pressure on the Constabulary.

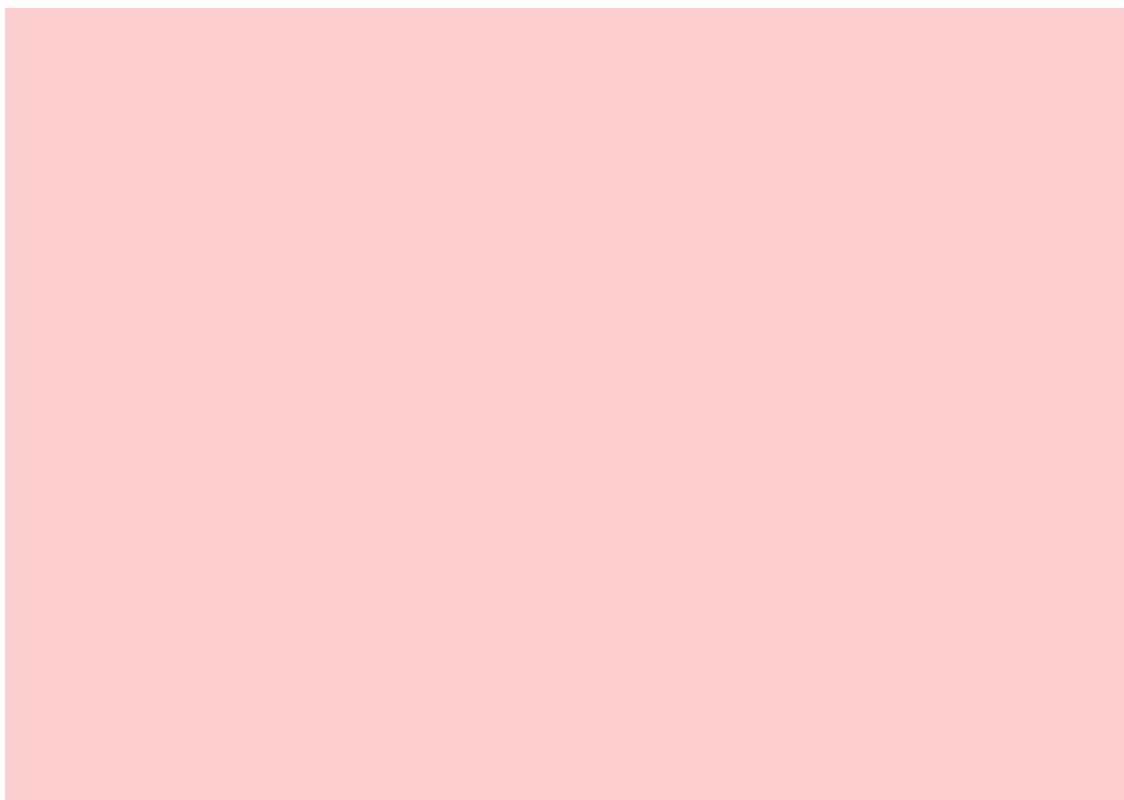
"I look forward to discussing our plans with local communities to show them how we are evolving to meet the challenges we face. The increased focus on community engagement is a major driver of the plan which I am sure the people of Suffolk will appreciate."

Meetings have been held across the county through September & October with the final one listed below. There is also an on-line meeting in November.

MID SUFFOLK: Tuesday October 17 2023 at the new Stowmarket Police Station, IP14 2QU

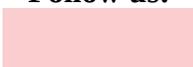
The meeting starts at 6.30pm and there is no need to book, just turn up on the evening.

There is also an on-line meeting on Tuesday November 7 2023 at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. Please email spcc@suffolk.police.uk to register and an invite will be sent through via email in advance of the meeting.



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