

## A Message from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex

In his presentation to our 2016 Annual Meeting, Roger Hirst emphasised that with only minor additions, his priorities are those in his election address, where he wrote:

For me, safe and secure communities are the bedrock on which we build success and prosperity.

My priorities for policing in Essex are aimed at mending the damaged elements of our society by:

1. Being tough on Anti-Social Behaviour;
2. Reversing the worrying increase in serious violence;
3. Having a zero tolerance of domestic violence;
4. Eradicating organised crime and people-trafficking;
5. Making our Police more local, visible and accessible.
6. (At the Meeting Roger Hirst also added that a lot of people are worried about bad driving and this is quite right as bad driving kills more people in Essex than all other forms of crime put together. He also put Victim Support as a separate item to no.5 above as this is commissioned separately)

I understand that Essex Police and Crime Commissioner is a challenging role, and public safety is important to all Essex's residents. The government has undertaken to protect police budgets for the rest of this parliament, but the Police Service will still need to modernise: to be local and accessible, and use new technologies and media to be more open and efficient. Where this has been done elsewhere we know they spend a fifth more of their time out on patrol. And to make sure policing is local, I aim to put a Special Constable in every community.