

Agenda Item 3 - Questions for the Police and Crime Commissioner

Question Submitted By	Questions in order they were received
Elliott Allman Snibston North	<p>(1) I have a family member who is a police officer. He often works 14 hours a day with compulsory overtime. With a young family to also look after. It is my view that this sort of management of time will drive out well-experienced and highly skilled police officers. What are we doing to make sure we keep our finest officers in work, working what we would call acceptable hours and conditions?</p> <p>(2) Internet and social media hate crime is on the rise, something that we are all becoming more aware of. I am sad to see though that police officers are being assigned to cases of petty name calling on social media for children. Whilst this is very sad and something that should not be condoned, surely this is the job of the parents? Who prioritises these cases?</p>
John Clarke Ibstock West	<p>(3) Speeding traffic is a major concern of the residents of NWL. Why do the police not listen to us and put camera vans and police with hand held radar guns in areas of concern to us. The vans always are in the usual areas. Yet we have recorded speeds of 80+ mph in a forty limit. Every Sunday and Thursday evening we are subject to motorcycles using Ibstock and Heather as a racetrack. We complain but nothing is done. If we contact the police following a burglary we are given a number for insurance purposes but never see an officer. The public find it difficult to respect the police because they are hardly ever seen. What can you do to reverse the public support for the force and our faith in the police?</p>
Councillor Robert Ashman Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	<p>(4) I would like to ask whether you would reconsider allowing the speed limits within village boundaries to be reduced to 30. Speeding is the biggest issue raised by local residents and one of the main issues is the number of speed signs within villages. In some cases, there are 30 mph to 60mph to 30mph within half a mile. There is also confusion where there are 40 to 30 to 40 limits within villages. The proposal is that within the village boundaries and on some feeder roads, we can reduce the speed limit to 30 across the whole village.</p>
Councillor Russell Johnson Hugglescote St John's	<p>(5) When will the police act on speeding vehicles through Hugglescote and Donington Le Heath? The Parish Council of which I am Chairman are concerned at the lack of a beat bobby in our community as well as attending our monthly Council meetings. This lack of visibility is not good enough for tax payers.</p>
Councillor Ray Morris Worthington & Breedon	<p>(6) Following Brexit it is even more essential that we should support British manufacturing and employment as much as possible. I have observed that many of our police vehicles are of foreign manufacture. Are you able to favour or influence the purchase of British manufactured vehicles, where possible, of which there are excellent choices right across the range of requirements?</p>
Councillor Sean Sheahan Measham South	<p>(7) Measham Parish Council has also expressed concerns about a lack of police visibility in Forest Beat. Residents in North West Leicestershire want to see more police in their neighbourhood. Who can blame them – local people say you never see police on the beat any more. They feel unsafe going out after dark. This is the price of years of central government</p>

	cuts to neighbourhood policing. Your predecessor increased police numbers year on year and left you with a sustainable plan to restore police numbers to 2010 levels. Have you abandoned this plan?
Councillor David Everitt Thringstone	(8) During my life I have known many police officers. They were all fine, caring people with a strong sense of duty and fairness. However, there has always been a small group of racist, homophobic, sexist bullies who have only contempt for sections of the public, as is repeatedly revealed in the shocking cases that appear from time to time in the media. What can be done to remove these dinosaurs?
Councillor Michael Hay Castle Donington Park	(9) There is barely a mention of Equality and Diversity in your draft Police and Crime Plan despite this being a statutory obligation under the 2010 Equalities Act. Where do you stand on this important issue?
Councillor Carol Sewell Daleacre Hill	(10) According to a recent report by HM Inspector of Constabulary, three-quarters of all domestic abuse cases, including sexual assaults, are closed early without the suspect being charged, and just 1.6% of rape allegations in England and Wales result in someone being charged, something the government has said it is 'deeply ashamed' about. What is your view on this and how will the police respond?
Councillor Dave Bigby Ashby Willesley	(11) Despite having been in office less than a year, Mr Matthews has dispensed with the three most senior civil servants in the OPCC team. Why did he do this and what was the cost to the local taxpayer, severance, redundancy, ex-gratia payments, additional recruitment costs etc?
Councillor John Legrys Coalville West	(12) You are on the record as stating, 'I will ask the Chief Constable to move towards making Rutland a Local Policing Unit (LPU) in its own right, with personnel, resources and facilities set at an appropriate level and provided by Leicestershire Police to meet the needs of Rutlanders in cooperation with Leicestershire Police.' Why Rutland? Your enthusiasm for diverting precious police resources from the City of Leicester is quite clear, but why focus on an obscure corner of the shire with a population that is barely larger than Coalville?
Councillor Dr Terri Eynon Hugglescote St Mary's	(13) Richard Lewis, chief constable of Cleveland police, has concluded that it is time to end the so-called 'war on drugs', believing that framing the crisis as a criminal justice problem has not simply been unhelpful, but counterproductive. The production, sale and use of recreational psychoactive substances has become almost normalised in this area and this unregulated economic activity is having an adverse effect on our communities. How does the Police and Crime Commissioner frame the problem of non-medical drug-use and drug-addiction and how would he solve the problem in North West Leicestershire?
Councillor John Geary Snibston South	(14) What are your plans for supporting the Safer North West Leicestershire Partnership?