



Public Consultation – Overview of Findings

Bedfordshire Police Authority has consulted extensively with the public on the measures being taken to meet the financial challenge.

BUDGET

The public split police resources between the four responsibilities developed by Strategic Planning Working Group. All were important to them.



Protecting you from Violence

e.g. domestic & child abuse, managing sex offenders, town centres at night.

Protecting you from Disorder

e.g. anti-social behaviour, speeding, neighbour disputes.

Protecting your Life

e.g. missing persons, murder investigation, major incidents, counter-terrorism.

Protecting your Property

e.g. criminal damage, burglary, fraud.

	Protecting you from Violence	Protecting you from Disorder	Protecting your Life	Protecting your Property
CONSULTATION STALLS (100 people)	31%	23%	25%	20%
ONLINE SURVEY (1445 people)	25%	20%	30%	25%

SERVICE REDUCTIONS

FOCUS GROUPS

- Different views on whether any future front line cuts should fall on high crime areas or fall evenly.
- Minor crime could be dealt with over the telephone if consideration given to vulnerability and individual need.
- Demand for local delivery, but flexible on nature of delivery e.g. one-stop shop
- Trust police professionals to decide mechanics, e.g. overtime or single-crewing.
- Some thought responsibilities of police were too broad

SURVEY

- 91% agree if police keep crime down and are there when needed then not concerned how structured
- 83% agree resources should focus more on places where crime / ASB are worse and 73% agree investigation should focus on crime with greatest impact on victims
- 68% agree minor crimes can be dealt with over the phone
- 87% happy for any part of the workforce mix to deal with their issue
- 58% agree Force engagement can be triggered by demand
- Within 5 minutes of home: about a third said alcohol misuse, drug misuse & repeat locations. About a fifth said repeat victims & street gangs were present.