

## **Agenda Item 10**

### **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO's)**

We are carrying out a scrutiny review looking at Police Community Support Officers in Pendle and would appreciate it if you could put an item on your Council's next agenda (July if at all possible) to seek your members' views.

The Council contributes around 13% of the cost of providing our PCSO's and we want to be sure that Council Taxpayers are getting value for money. We want to get an idea, via a public opinion survey, of the value placed on this service by Pendle people. There will also be an opportunity to comment at [www.feedbackonline.org.uk/blogs](http://www.feedbackonline.org.uk/blogs).

We know that some parish and town councils work quite closely with their Neighbourhood Policing Team and we are therefore very interested to hear their views too.

PCSO's are there to help improve community confidence and to offer reassurance by playing a part in reducing anti-social behaviour and crime. We want to know -

- Do you think that they have had an impact on anti-social behaviour, burglary or other crime?
- Do you think that PCSO's have made your area feel safer?
- How important is their role in helping to enforce litter and dog fouling laws and address graffiti, dirty back yards etc.?
- Is there anything they should be doing that they don't already do?
- Do you have a view on whether the financial cuts that the Police are being required to make should have an impact on PCSO's?

We would also be very interested to hear any other comments your Council wants to make.

Thank you in anticipation of your contribution to this piece of work.

Yours sincerely,

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