

# New Community Policing Team for Colchester

- It is proposed that the new Community Policing Team would be made up of: a local policing and partnership inspector, two sergeants, nine constables, one dedicated youth officer and six PCSOs.
- The team will be locally based and will prioritise: protecting people from harm; preventing and reducing crime; bringing criminals to justice; engaging with the public; and ensuring the public are satisfied with the service they receive.
- The team will work closely with partners to deal with all aspects of neighbourhood policing, from tackling night-time economy related violence to responding to emerging crime trends.
- They will not deal with low level non-policing matters such as long-term neighbourhood disputes, low level anti-social behaviour and parking issues, but will work alongside partners, for example the local authority and Community Safety Partnership, who will address these matters.
- The Colchester Town Team will no longer continue as a separate dedicated team but core aspects of the team's role will be picked up by the new Community Policing Team.
- Under proposals, currently under consultation with affected staff, 14 of the 20 PCSO jobs in Colchester may be removed and the affected staff would be retained as PCSOs, redeployed elsewhere in the force or made redundant. It is proposed that the new Community Policing Team for Colchester would retain six PCSO jobs.
- The Community Policing Teams will hold monthly Local Community Meetings where residents can raise their crime-related concerns. Street meets will be discontinued.

## Stations proposed for closure and sale

- **West Mersea** police station was closed to the public in 2011.

This former police station is being sold as an asset for use by the community.

- **Tiptree** police station closed to the public in 2011.
- **Copford** police station will be sold. The former station closed to the public in 2011

## Colchester Police Station

- Colchester police station will stay open with proposed front counter services provided seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.
- An average of five people per hour visit Colchester's front office every day.
- Research carried out over two separate months showed 4,317 people visited Colchester's front counter.
- Colchester police station will house: local policing teams; CID; custody; domestic abuse investigation teams and public protection.

**People can continue to use the 101 number of 999 in an emergency to contact police.**