



# Community Wardens

SALC in association with Sussex Police and the Police & Crime  
Commissioner

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# Why are we meeting now ?

- Changes to the Police Operating Model
- Govt. looking to give Chief Constables greater flexibility
- Local councils managing demand and expectations
- Opportunity to budget for a versatile role able to undertake a wide range of tasks – see later slides.
- Budgets being discussed now in preparation for precept setting by January.
- Seeking expressions of interest from possible pilot councils

# Possible options

- Wardens employed and managed by District Councils under a SLA as with Horsham DC and Chichester DC
- *Advantage – infrastructure already in place if DC offers the service*
- *Disadvantage – corporate overhead costs. DC may not wish to offer the service. Possible reluctance of DC to operate outside its own boundary to detriment of natural clusters*
- Wardens employed, deployed and managed direct by an individual town or parish council
- *Advantage – costs easier to manage, direct deployment and more likely to be focussed on the area taking 'ownership' of the Council's requirements*
- *Disadvantage – additional staff supervision and cover if a single employee*
- Employed by a hub town or parish council on behalf of a cluster of parishes
- *Advantage – shares costs and creates capacity if more than one employee*
- *Disadvantage – possible difficulty ensuring that parish councils agree on work programme and terms of employment*

# Community Warden[s] employed direct by local councils – tasks that might be performed

- Low level anti social behaviour
- Engagement with schools and youth clubs in the area
- Liaison with the Police using appropriate communications
- Co-ordinate Emergency / Resilience Plan & ensure details up to date
- Monitor sites at risk of fly tipping and inform Police / District Council
- Monitor condition of roads, footways and PROW, inform County Highways of defects and follow up progress
- Check on playground equipment, street furniture and street lights

# Continued

- Know where vulnerable members of the community live and ensure a 'good neighbour' approach exists
- Acting as Co-ordinator of Volunteers
- If suitably qualified, become involved with First Responders
- Liaise with wardens in other parishes to provide mutual support and cover
- Attend parish council Meetings to report and take further instruction

**The above are in addition to any activities that might be accredited by the Chief Constable [ full list in handout ]**

- **Note – Parking Enforcement is not included – full explanation will be given**

# Example of possible costs

- These would be apportioned using individual parish tax bases eg

	<u>Tax base</u>	<u>Warden incl.emp costs</u>
Town A	3,000	
Parish B	600	
Parish C	300	
Parish D	<u>100</u>	
	4,000	<u>£28,000</u>
Cost per Band D property across the cluster		£7.00