



Police and Crime Plan refresh 2026-2028 consultation

Aim of the survey

To understand if the needs of the public of Cheshire are still

About the survey

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory responsibility to consult on the Police and Crime Plan, and any subsequent refreshes that occur during their term.

The online survey was launched on Thursday 18th June 2026 and ran until 12noon on Friday 10th July 2026.

The online survey was promoted on social media, on the PCC website and via Neighbourhood Alert.

The survey received 345 responses.

Cheshire population

Cheshire has an approximate population of 1,139,884. Approximate populations¹ by local authority area are:

- Cheshire East – 421,300
- Cheshire West and Chester – 371,652
- Warrington – 215,391
- Halton – 131,543

The number of survey responses received during this consultation gives the OPCC a confidence level of 90% with a 5% margin of error.

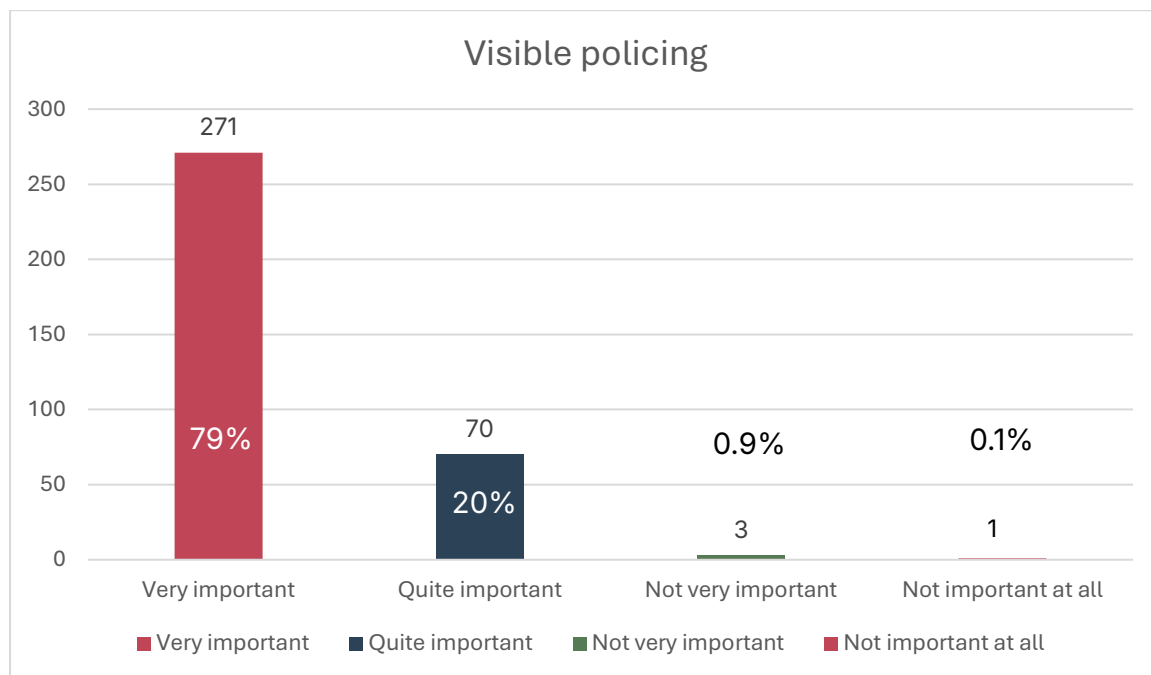
¹ Taken from the local authority websites



Survey question analysis

Q1. How important is visible policing to you?

- Very important
- Quite important
- Not very important
- Not important at all





Q2. Do you have any additional comments you'd like to make on neighbourhood policing and police presence?

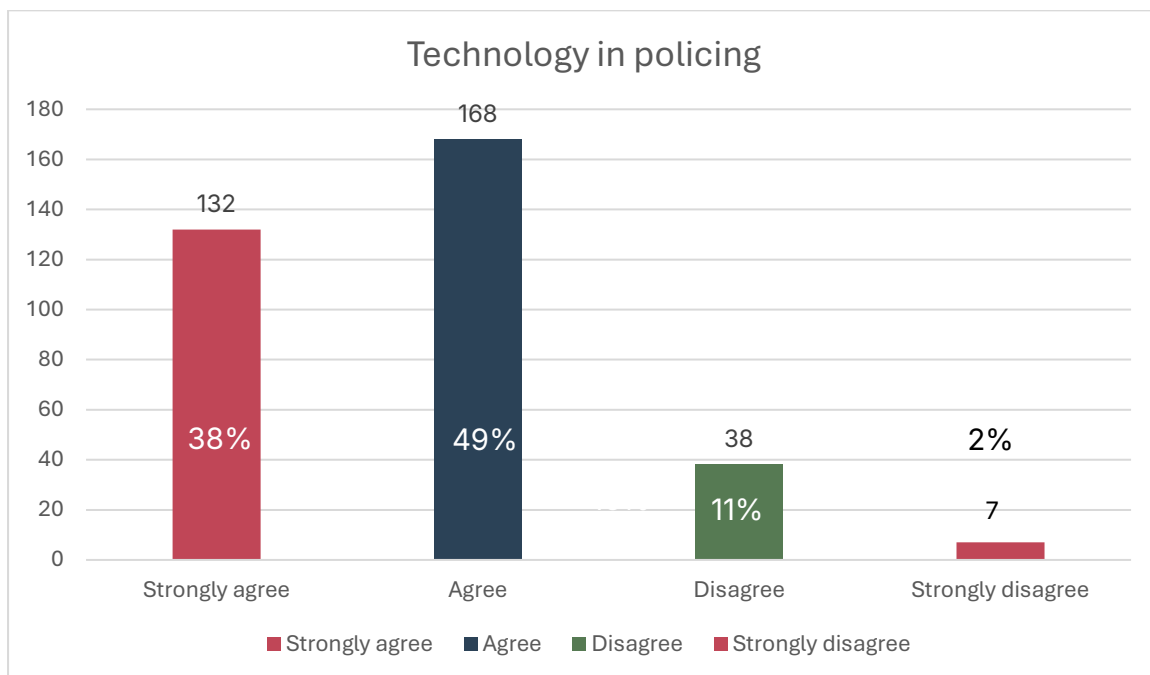
This was an open-ended question where respondents could add their comments. This question was not mandatory, so not all respondents chose to comment. Below is a list of categories that the comments have been grouped under:

- *Lack of visible policing - 118 responses*
Comments focusing on the lack of visible policing in communities
- *Visible policing – 43 responses*
Positive comments about visible policing in Cheshire's communities – 43 responses
- *Accessibility to the police – 27 responses*
Comments around how accessible the police are to the communities they serve
- *Lack of visible policing - 16 responses*
Comments focusing on the lack of visible policing in communities following the **reduction of PCSOs**
- *Public confidence – 15 responses*
Comments focusing on public confidence and the impact this has on Cheshire's communities
- *Speeding (road safety) – 11 responses*
Comments focusing on speeding on Cheshire's roads
- *General road safety - 7 responses*
Comments around general road safety
- *Anti-social behaviour – 7 responses*
Comments focusing on anti-social behaviour in communities
- *Parking problems (road safety) – 2 responses*
Comments focusing on parking issues on Cheshire's roads.
- *Arrest persistent offenders - 1 response*
Comments focusing on arresting repeat offenders - not low-level crime
- *Abolish PCC – 1 response*
Comments focusing on the removal of the PCC and his office
- *Low level crime – 1 response*
Comments stating their area have low-levels of crime



Q3. Technology is needed in policing to make savings and improve efficiency. Do you agree with this statement?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree





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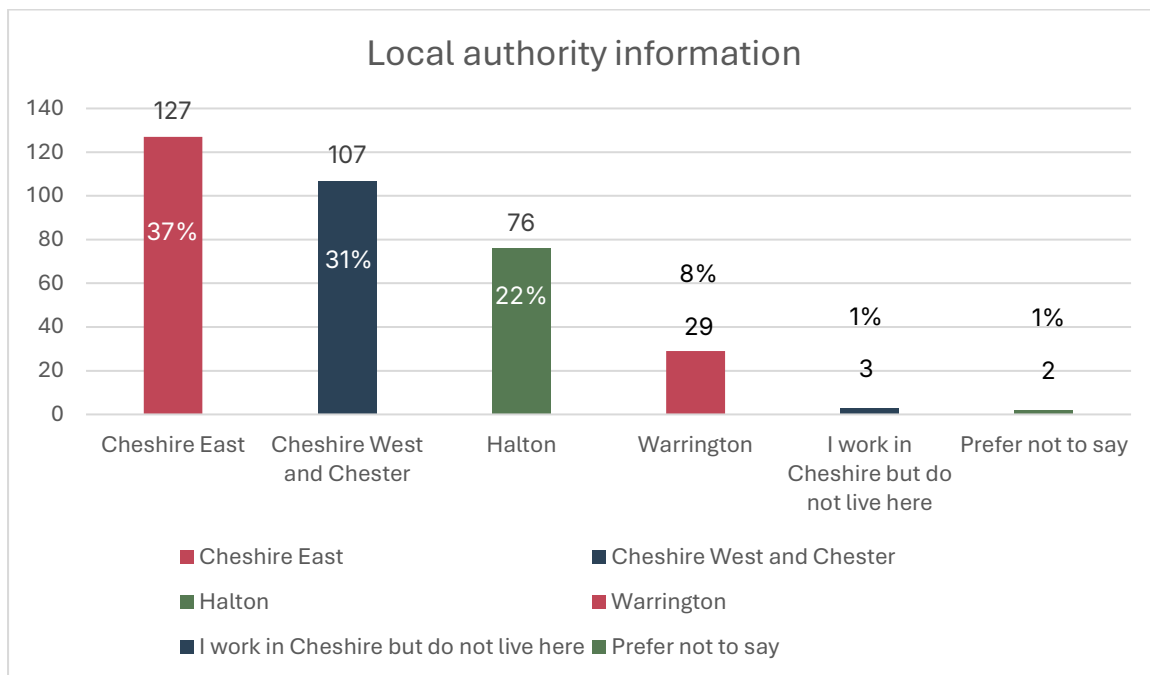
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- *Maintain visible policing - 69 responses*
Comments requesting technology isn't used to take officers off the front line
- *Public confidence – 66 responses*
Comments around the public having confidence in technology being used effectively, as well as openly and transparently
- *Reduce bureaucracy – 33 responses*
Comments around making policing more effective, reducing the 'red tape'
- *Road safety - 8 responses*
Comments around focusing on road safety and investing in this as a priority
- *No technology – 1 response*
Comment around not embracing technology in policing



Q5. Which Cheshire local authority do you live in?

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West and Chester
- Halton
- Warrington
- I work in Cheshire but do not live here
- Prefer not to say





Q6. Do you have any additional comments?

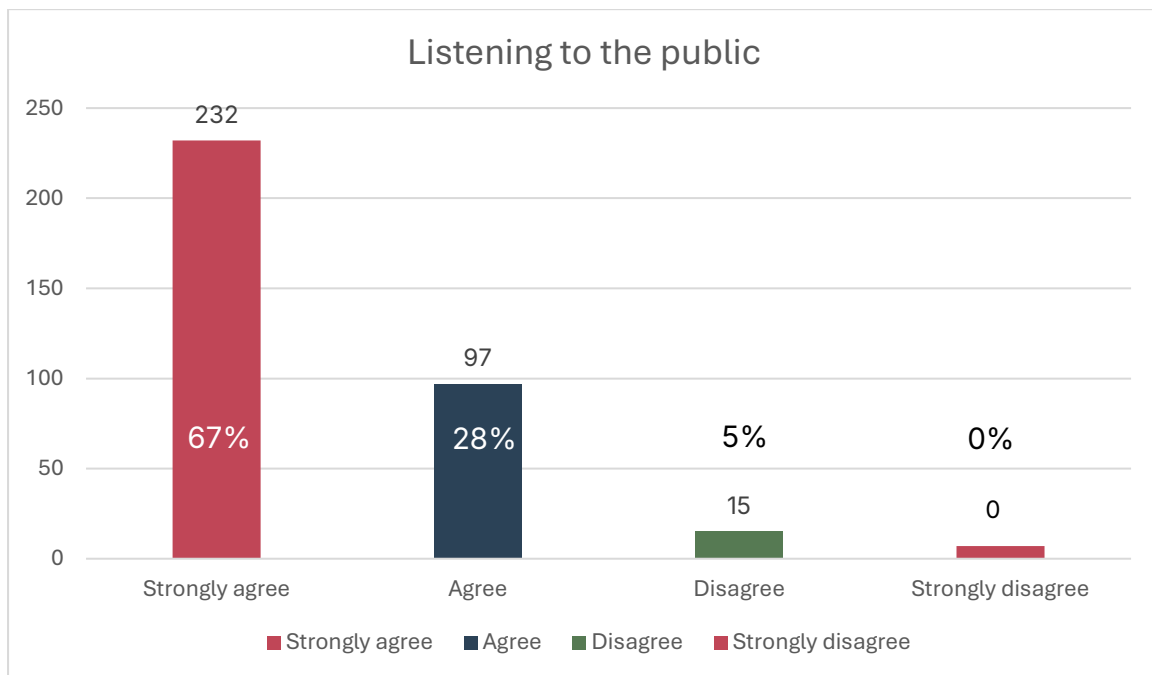
This was an open-ended question where respondents could add their comments. This question was not mandatory, so not all respondents chose to comment. Below is a list of categories that the comments have been grouped under:

- *Public trust and confidence - 128 responses*
Comments around the public's trust and confidence levels in Cheshire Police and the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- *Visible policing – 27 responses*
Comments around visible policing in communities
- *Road safety – 10 responses*
Comments around crimes on our road and pavement networks
- *Loss of PCSOs - 4 responses*
Comments that relate directly to losing PCSOs in the community
- *Speeding (road safety) – 3 responses*
Comments specifically around the subject
- *Abolish PCCs – 1 response*
Comment around the subject of the use of PCCs
- *Technology – 1 response*
Comment around the use of technology in policing



Q5. Listening to the public is key to building public trust and confidence in policing. Do you agree more needs to be done to improve trust in policing locally?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree





Q8. Please provide the first half of your postcode

Please note that not everyone left a postcode.

CH	CW4	ST7
CH1	CW5	SY14
CH2	CW6	WA1
CH3	CW7	WA2
CH4	CW8	WA3
CH22	CW9	WA4
CH64	CW10	WA5
CH65	CW11	WA6
CH66	CW12	WA7
CW	SK9	WA8
CW1	SK10	WA13
CW2	SK11	WA14
CW3	SK12	WA16

*please note, some recipients chose to put n/a as their postcode