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West Yorkshire PCC launches New Campaign

Listening To You First

Newly elected West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Mark Burns Williamson, wants people to tell him what issues they have with crime and what needs doing to make them feel more secure in their local communities.

Listening To You First campaign is different to previous consultations carried out and is the first step in Mark's campaign to ensure the views of West Yorkshire's communities are fully represented in the Budget and Police and Crime Plan 2013/14.

Mark will kick off his consultation with the public by embarking on his commitment to join every Neighbourhood Policing Team out and about in Leeds this afternoon. He will then be discussing the issues faced by young people at Bradford based Positive Futures, an organisation that provides long-term support to vulnerable teenagers at risk of crime and substance misuse.

Individuals or community groups are being urged to get in contact with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to complete a survey in what will be the biggest consultation exercise of its kind carried out in the UK.

West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Mark Burns Williamson says: "This is the chance for people to say what's going on in their local community so that policing priorities can be put in place.

"By launching the Budget and Police and Crime Survey in each district it will open the door for communities to be frank and tell us what's happening where they are, on their terms. What makes them feel safer and what doesn't.

"This is a different approach to the Police Authority which looked at managing crime from a county level. If we can understand what issues people have in their own neighbourhoods, we can work with local police teams to give them the support they need to make a difference.

"Everyone should have an equal platform to put their concerns forward and I would actively encourage you to take part in the survey. The survey will be widely available throughout the district as well as online."

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Over the coming weeks the Police and Crime Commissioner will visit every part of West Yorkshire and meet with neighbourhood policing teams, visit neighbourhood watch schemes, meet a range of community groups and consult with partners and stakeholders as well as keeping community engagement high on the agenda.

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