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Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are committed to reducing the carbon footprint in their force areas to ensure a sustainable future and this edition sets out how.

There is also a focus on anti-social behaviour (ASB) and why it remains a key local priority in Police and Crime Plans.

In terms of the APCC itself Phil Golding has been announced as the new Chief Executive, taking up the role later in the year. Phil has worked in the criminal justice system for nearly three decades, most recently as Head of the Law Commission. The APCC is the home of policing governance and continues to drive positive change across policing and criminal justice and Phil will be an important part of that.

As we enter Autumn we have many new ministerial appointments, including a new Prime Minister, Home Secretary, Justice Secretary. On behalf of the APCC and its Members I extend a warm welcome to those ministers that we will be working closely with to cut crime, address the issues across policing and keep our communities safe. The beginning of this month the nation mourned the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. You can read my statement at:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/her-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii-1926-2022/>

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk>

APCC NEWS AND UPDATES: PCCs LEADING THE WAY IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

*Tim Passmore, APCC Joint Environmental and Sustainability Lead PCC for Suffolk
Joy Allen, APCC Joint Environmental and Sustainability Lead PCC for Durham*

In August the APCC published its Environment and Sustainability In Focus Report, which demonstrates the work that Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are doing to ensure that their forces, commissioned services and offices are employing environmentally friendly and sustainable practices.

We know that concern about climate change is an important issue for the British public and this gives PCCs a strong mandate, as the public's voice, to ensure that policing is striving to meet the challenges of climate change and taking steps to mitigate the risks that it poses. If we do not act now, the implications for policing could include growing protest movements, more civil emergencies (such as flooding), a rise in organised crime taking advantage of demand for resources and a call on the police to enforce new legislative restrictions against those causing environmental harm.

As Joint National Leads, we have pledged our commitment to ensuring PCCs are at the heart of the decarbonisation agenda and playing their part in achieving the Net Zero ambition.

BlueLight Commercial CEO, Lianne Deeming, said: *"The last few years has really brought into focus the impact that human activity has had on our climate and the threat posed by climate change. It is great to see that Police and Crime Commissioners are very much at the forefront of driving and embracing the significant changes that will be needed across policing to achieve a sustainable future, balancing economic, environmental, and social activity."*

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/7867/apcc-environmental-and-sustainability-in-focus.pdf>

MULTI-AGENCY APPROACH IS KEY TO TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Jeff Cuthbert, Joint Local Policing Lead and PCC for Gwent.

Steve Turner, Joint Local Policing Lead and PCC for Cleveland.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is far too often considered a low-level crime but for those living in our communities it can have a devastating impact on everyday life.

Everyone has the right to feel secure and protected in their own homes and neighbourhoods, and if we fail to understand the significant impact ASB can have on our society we miss vital opportunities to prevent criminality and stop vulnerable people falling into a life of crime.

Providing vulnerable people with a sense of purpose and direction is fundamental in tackling and preventing them from making poor life choices. Without a core sense of belonging or purpose people can be vulnerable to engaging in anti-social behaviours and even be exploited by criminal gangs.

No one agency can fix the problem alone. Tackling ASB is a multi-agency effort and prevention is always better than cure. Through investing funds into community initiatives and projects, we, as Police and Crime Commissioners, bring partner agencies together to deliver an effective, long-term response to address the causes of anti-social behaviour in our local communities. In many cases, money for such work has been secured from the Government's Safer Streets Fund. Over £40million has so far been invested in additional CCTV, streetlighting, and other improvements to make areas which are susceptible to anti-social behaviour, safer. Local sports-based inclusion-programmes and diversion schemes have also been introduced in many areas to keep vulnerable people off the streets, by giving them a sense of purpose and preventing them from re-offending.

As PCCs, we bridge the gap between policing and the public, and champion the voice of the public in any criminal justice and policing matters. Across England and Wales, we know just how vital preventing and tackling anti-social behaviour is to our communities, with ASB now featured as a key local priority in all Police and Crime Plans.

We continue to hold agencies to account for their efforts in tackling anti-social behaviour and, going forwards, we would like to see PCCs given a clearer role as local 'guardians' of the response with greater governance, scrutiny and convening powers to ensure all partners are doing as much as they can to tackle anti-social behaviour. Greater availability of data would also, certainly, assist us in scrutinising performance and driving improvements. Because we, as PCCs, are committed and determined to keep our communities safe, and put victims at the centre of everything we do.

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/ten-years-of-pccs-making-a-difference/anti-social-behaviour-making-communities-safer/>

PCCS SUPPORTED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AWARENESS WEEK IN JULY

As part of #ASBawarenessweek, PCCs Steve Turner and Jeff Cuthbert, the APCCs Local Policing Leads, issued a statement reinforcing the collective responsibility that we all have in tackling ASB.

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/asb-not-a-police-problem-but-a-partnership-problem/>

USEFUL TWITTER LINKS:

https://twitter.com/Cleveland_PCC/status/1549685406135975936?s=20&t=5nd2g44wWH1BZx s nR-FQ

<https://twitter.com/MerseysidePCC/status/1548999169750306816?s=20&t=qlnFHCjWU3q5E5Cvr4mgng>

<https://twitter.com/SussexPCC/status/1548927030862962688?s=20&t=BWqnOdCOyoHU7yxNRrOmRA>

<https://twitter.com/GPCaerphilly/status/1551953875170631685?s=20&t=W9hGTxUiBCLtQVCsm9joNg>

https://twitter.com/DC_PCC/status/1548925858936668161?s=20&t=biQPX5eayWJjhKO0f0mMw

<https://twitter.com/HantsPCC/status/1551432404971278345?s=20&t=CAykyz6p8ztf0MUaKqQ>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/>

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/public/apcc-bulletins>

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/ten-years-of-pccs-making-a-difference/>

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/>

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ABOUT THE APCC

THE APCC IS THE HOME OF POLICING GOVERNANCE

It is the national body which supports Police and Crime Commissioners and other local policing bodies across England and Wales to provide national leadership and drive strategic change across the policing, criminal justice and wider community safety landscape, to help keep our communities safe.

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ABOUT the APCC: The role of the PCCs is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/about-the-apcc/>)

APCC BUSINESS PRIORITIES: See our business plan and overview (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/campaigns/apcc-business-priorities/>)

APCC IMPACT REPORT: The Impact Report 2020/21 demonstrates the breadth of work and impact of the Association against its five business priorities (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/6924/impact-report-2021.pdf>)

LATEST NEWS: Up-to-date news updates from our website (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/>)

FIND YOUR PCC: Use our simple tool to locate the PCC in your area (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/find-your-pcc/>)

APCC BULLETINS: View previous bulletins (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/public/apcc-bulletins>)

YOU HAVE A VOICE: Short animated video explaining the role of Police and Crime Commissioners (<https://www.apccs.police.uk/videos/pcc-video-you-have-a-voice/>)

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