

## **Change to Police PACT meetings**

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Dear Councillor/Parish Council Member

As you will no doubt be aware, over the past three years, we have seen a reduction from five Police Neighbourhood Inspectors in Doncaster to the current three. Doncaster is not unique in these reductions with similar restructuring in Sheffield, Barnsley and Rotherham Police Districts.

As a consequence, Doncaster is not alone in having difficulties in servicing all the public and members meetings our Inspectors are invited to. This has resulted in the Police and Crime Commissioner seeking to establish a solution that addresses the need to engage with partners and the public in each District whilst balancing those against the operational demands placed upon the Inspectors and their staff.

I am writing to inform you that as of the 1st December 2015 and following consultation between South Yorkshire Police and the PCC and subsequently the Mayor, Neighbourhood Inspectors will hold one meeting per month in each of their areas, namely one in Doncaster East, one in Doncaster West and one in Doncaster Central. These meetings will be rotated around locations within each area to afford everyone equal access and opportunity to attend a meeting and both the public and councillors will be invited to attend. This will unfortunately, be the only meeting the Inspectors will be able to attend.

I will ensure that the correct amount of publicity is generated before each meeting to enable those interested in attending to obtain times and locations.

Finally, I know from experience that PACT, Parish Council and Elected Members meetings have been extremely useful for the exchange of information between communities and the Police and I hope that the retention of a monthly meeting, will continue this joint working in Doncaster.

Kind Regards

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