

Findings of the Citizen Consultation Survey



On May 7, 2019, at the State of the City event, the Mayor launched the City of Surrey’s citizen engagement strategy. The strategy included the launch of the proposed brand identity for the new Surrey Police, and the launch of the website and consultation events through May and June to obtain feedback from the community on their priorities for policing.

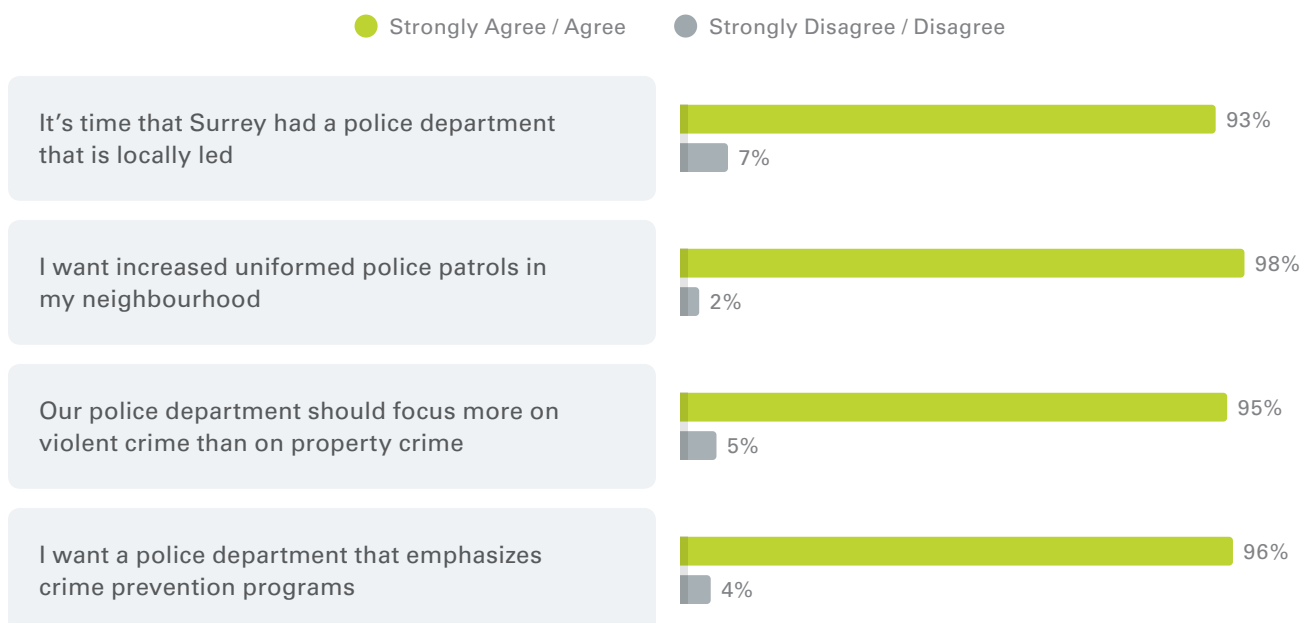
Citizen consultation was anchored by a survey delivered both online and in person at consultation events to reach as many citizens as possible and encourage them to share their perspective on the issues that matter most to them. Over five weeks, the City hosted 23 public consultation events across all six town centres. The first 10 events were held prior to the release of the Transition Plan. The remaining events were held after residents had an opportunity to review the plan in detail and provide richer feedback. At the conclusion of the consultation events, 11,103 surveys had been completed.

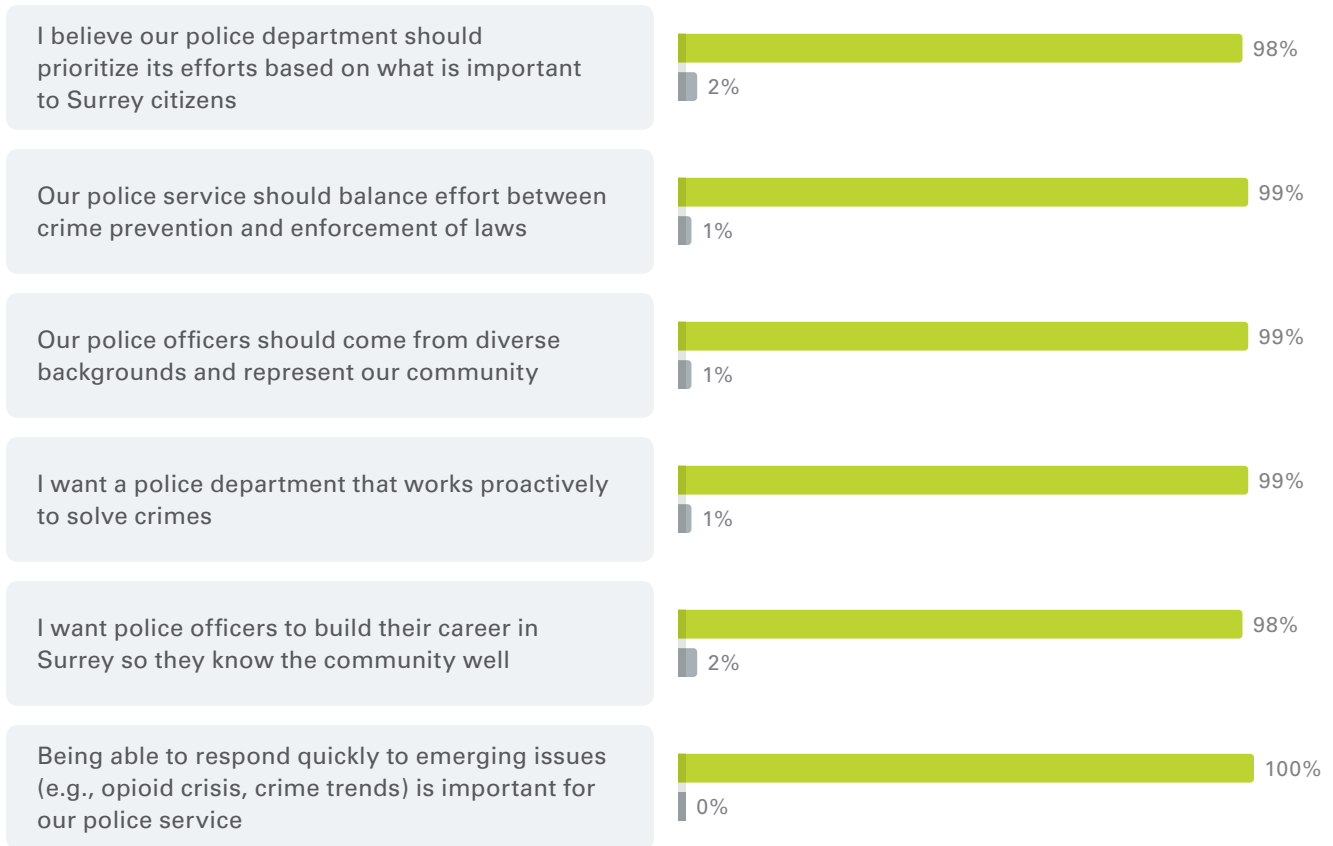
ISSUES MOST FREQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY FOR POLICE TO ADDRESS

- Reducing gang activity (91%)
- Reducing drug trafficking (87%)
- Reducing gun-related crime (86%)
- Expanding youth programs (79%)
- Reducing property crime (17%)

POLICING APPROACHES

In addition, citizens were asked about the degree to which certain approaches to policing and to structuring their police department were preferred.





PERSONAL SAFETY

Citizens were also asked the degree to which they agreed with some key statements about their perception of safety in Surrey.



A comprehensive report summarizing all feedback received and outlining the process used for the consultation is being prepared and will be submitted to Council by mid-July 2019.