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Crime Against Business

South East Regional Event

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Federation of Small Businesses

- Established 1974 to protect and promote the interests of small businesses
- 215,000 members largely micro businesses across all sectors
- Offices in London, Brussels, Cardiff, Glasgow and Belfast
- Network of 230 branches and 33 regions



The current picture

- 61% of businesses in the South East had experienced crime (source FSB membership survey 2008)
- The most frequent crimes were vandalism, vehicle damage, threatening behaviour, graffiti, shoplifting and burglary.
- Costs businesses in South East on average £6,606 a year
- Only 45% of businesses are reporting crime



Business contributions to police funding

- Business rates contributed £18.7 billion in 2008-09
- 16% of this figure was contributed by businesses in the South East.
- 2008-09 business rates formed 20% of the money given to and spent by local authorities
- Local authorities in England spend 11% of their budgeted total net current expenditure on police.
- 2007/08 Kent Police received £65.8m from Non-Domestic Rates = 20.2% of their total funding



Business views on partnerships

- Businesses have a lack of faith in the partnership approach
- 67% of businesses not aware that Neighbourhood Policing Teams exist
- Businesses have some faith in Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) as a fairly effective crime prevention method - presence
- Clearly there are many challenges selling these to businesses e.g. Effective communication and engagement



South East Business Crime Forum

- Background – buy in by public sector
- Common goal
- Importance of engaging to get Crime Against Business agenda to lead work of the LSPs, LAAs, MAAs & CDRPs
- Similar model to West Midlands
- Establish National Business Crime Forum



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action against
business crime
by business - for business





What a good partnership may look like:

- Initial engagement by police
- Profiling / map the business community
- Engaging and priority setting? Separate business meetings
- Responses and feedback
- Wider links CDRPs/CSPs – business agenda
- Businesses reporting crime and getting involved locally too



Thank you

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