

## Political interference in policing?

Posted by Tom - 16 Sep 2011 09:30

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Regular viewers of this site will be aware just how useful a resource these are for the public of East Renfrewshire.

However on 15th June 2011 we received this email from Giffnock Police Office.

Due to an ongoing review by Strathclyde Police Force Headquarters, with immediate effect, no media updates will be issued by Giffnock Area Command Support until further notice

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## Re:Crime Alerts

Posted by Gordon McCaskill - 16 Sep 2011 17:53

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As I said in another thread, in-built majorities can do a lot of things until you change the in-built majority at which point things you expect to happen - happen.

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## Re:Crime Alerts

Posted by Vince - 17 Sep 2011 12:45

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So who is now in league with the devil, is it a new and inexperienced man who is looking for his next promotion.

The removing of the police from this site when the last police chief said he would not do it now looks vindictive and ill-judged and disproportionate to me.

Now lets wait to see why the crimes have been removed, I do feel that the timing is not a coincidence.

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## Political interference in local police matters ?

Posted by Tom - 23 Sep 2011 11:40

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Dear Mr Taylor

CRIME ALERTS/MEDIA UPDATES AND TEXTS

East Renfrewshire Sub-Division

Braidholm Road

Giffnock

G466HA

12th September 2011

I refer to your letter of 19 August 2011, relative to the above.

At present we have no plans to introduce the circulation of alerts/updates to East Renfrewshire Neighbourhood Watch for the reasons we discussed earlier.

Should this situation change, I will of course advise you of same.

I would also remind you that statistical information relating to crime is available on the Strathclyde Police website.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Alan Murray

Area Commander

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## Political interference in local police matters ?

Posted by Tom - 23 Sep 2011 11:42

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I trust this is of assistance.

I am afraid that is is not and I will be communicating further with you, in the first instance.

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## Re:Crime Alerts

Posted by lasercow - 24 Sep 2011 09:41

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I'm struggling to get my head round this one.

Is the local police commander refusing to release crime stats to this website because it has been deemed to be "political"?

The forum is a very minor part of the website. All views are represent(anti- and pro- council, as well as elected representatives from more than one political faction). No party is promoted. I'm sure the Junta would like to say that it is a "Tory" forum, but from the list of posters who queued up to tell Cllr McCaskgill that they would not vote Tory, but they approved of his views, it is hard to see how. It is true that the majority of posters are against some of the Administrations policies - but so are most of the population of ER, as well as all our MSPs and MP - is access to crime stats to be denied to these too?

Politics are discussed, as they are in every area of life, like the weather..... Politics are often discussed on the BBC...the police don't seem to mind Crimewatch, or giving interviews to any other media organisation.

What disturbs me most is that if the local police have withdrawn co-operation from this site on the unfounded basis that it has a political slant in one direction (against the ruling powers), then does this mean that the local police commander has a political slant towards the ruling powers?

Surely that is even more worrying!

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## Political interference in local police matters ?

Posted by Tom - 24 Sep 2011 12:18

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Letter(s) being hand delivered on Sunday 25th September 2011