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### **C.UK SECURITY SERVICES COMMENT ON THE EXPECTED LOCAL POLICE FORCE REDUCTIONS DUE TO GOVERNMENT CUTS**

We have one the greatest police forces in the world. But despite its excellent reputation, the police will have to share the burden of a decrease in Government expenditure: Large reductions are expected over the next few years. All areas of policing provision will be looked at, including elements that have not been seriously analysed for a long time.

One of the areas that will be discussed is the overall distribution of policing. This will have a great impact on the perception of law and order within our communities, and we may well see wide-ranging changes to how and by whom crime is dealt with.

Here is a question: where should the police actually police? Many members of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) have said privately that the police are probably spending too much time in areas that don't actually need as large a police presence as they currently receive. Should wealthier neighbourhoods, where crime is less likely, receive the same police service as run-down inner cities? A great deal of crime and anti-social behaviour, although extremely serious, has a relatively low-impact. Although figures are inexact, it is widely acknowledged that the police spend a sizeable amount of their operational budget dealing with issues that could perhaps be countered by new solutions that don't involve the use of large numbers of expensive police officers. Criminologists have often pointed out that community relations, the local economic footprint and private security provision often have just as great an impact on crime as police numbers.

In fact, businesses and homes have been voting with their feet on this one; recent years have seen a growth in private security provision for services like alarm-response and mobile patrols. The reason? The police will not necessarily follow up every alarm that goes off, but a private security company, like C.UK Security Services, - backed up by emergency police response should the situation escalate - will always look after its clients. There are other areas of consideration too: in London, night time patrols of residential areas by private security firms have proliferated in recent years, to widespread approval.

Obviously, not everyone can afford private security like C.UK Security Services; but if the police were to concentrate on these more vulnerable elements of society, especially where alternative solutions are unavailable, then it is quite possible a more efficient – and cheaper – police would emerge.

It is in everyone's interest to ensure that the UK's police remain as well respected and as effective as ever. As a private security company, an absolute priority of C.UK Security Services is to ensure that we have excellent relations with the police local to our clients; relations that we find immensely rewarding. Yet we also understand the strain that police resources are under, and this will only get worse. If we could help the police with this by taking on a greater role in certain areas, thereby allowing them to really focus on the most vulnerable in society, then this would be a change that would benefit all.

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