

## Front Counter and Estates Organisational Reviews Final decisions

### WESTERN DIVISION

Details highlighted in red show where a change from the recommendations has been made

	Decision
<b>Blackpool Central</b>	Front Desk will remain open. Base for police officers and staff.
<b>St Annes</b>	Front Desk will remain open. Base for police officers and staff.
<b>South Shore</b>	Front Desk will <b>close but will be kept as a base where police officers will work out of.</b>
<b>Kirkham</b>	Front Desk will remain open (it had been earmarked for closure). Base for police officers and staff.
<b>Bispham</b>	Front Desk will remain open (it had been earmarked for closure). Base for police officers and staff.
<b>Lytham</b>	Front desk will close as will the entire premises when the lease runs out in 2015 (this is the full term of the lease).
<b>Freckleton</b>	To be sold.

In **Western Division**, there will continue to be Neighbourhood Policing Officers available at the following locations irrespective of the decisions are taken around front counters / estates;

- Boundary Park School, Blackpool
- Cookson Street, Blackpool
- Egerton Road, Blackpool
- Gorton Street, Blackpool
- St Peter's Church, Blackpool
- Stanley Park Pavilion, Blackpool
- Grange Park Housing
- Wesham Fire Station

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The Chief Superintendent responsible for Western Division, Richard Debicki, welcomed the fact that both Bispham and Kirkham front counters would now remain open. He said: "We are fortunate in Western Division that, despite the very difficult financial situation the force finds itself in, only two of our six front counters and three of our police houses will either close or be sold.

"As far as the Fylde area is concerned, I know that the public and elected representatives felt very strongly that closing both Lytham and Kirkham front counters and leaving just one public access point at St Annes would have been a step too far and so being able to give Kirkham back is really good news for them.

"Lytham police station, which includes a front counter, is still due to close completely when the lease runs out in 2015 and our plan would be to start some discussions with other organisations in the town, and the local community, to see if there are any no-cost options for having an alternative base in the town. Whilst this may be a disappointment for some we remain absolutely committed to the communities of Lytham, and I am confident that our Neighbourhood Policing Staff will still continue to deliver strong policing arrangements in the town. We've also secured some funding for an extra three CCTV cameras which hopefully will offer the public some reassurance."

In relation to the situation to the north of Blackpool, Chief Superintendent Debicki added: "The decision to keep Bispham front counter open should also go some way to reassure those communities living in the north of the division who expressed concerns about the impact upon them of closing both Bispham and Cleveleys public access points. I think the Constabulary has rightly recognised a geographical gap of closing both and again this is good news for those people in that area.

"Sadly, South Shore front counter will close but it's important that people are aware that we will still have officers working from that station and therefore a visible presence."