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REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CLEVELAND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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Programme of Engagement

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel (PCP) with a brief update in relation to meetings attended by the PCC from July 2013 – Sep 2013.
- 1.2 Future meetings of the PCC will also be summarised.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The PCCs consultation and engagement activities focus on increasing understanding of the communities of Cleveland, ensuring clear and consistent communication with the public and ensuring effective consultation and community engagement.
- 2.2 The PCC attends a number of meetings on a regular basis with key partners, stakeholders and residents from across the Cleveland area.
- 2.3 In addition to this the PCC has attended many regional and national meetings representing Cleveland.

3.0 Your Force Your Voice

- 3.1 The '*Your Force Your Voice*' engagement initiative continues to take place with 86 community meetings covering 70 wards across the Cleveland area visited. The initiative remains on track to cover all of Cleveland's 82 wards by December 2013.

- 3.2 The PCC has engaged with young people through visits to secondary schools and colleges (Freebrough Academy, Stockton Sixth Form College & Bede Sixth Form College) and through attending the recently formed Stockton Youth Assembly and the annual Hartlepool Primary School Conference.
- 3.3 The PCC has also consulted with the disabled community through a meeting with young people with special needs and their carers at MyPlace in Middlesbrough. He also attended the North East Learning Disability Partnership.
- 3.4 The PCC met older members of the community at the Stockton Over 50s Assembly, where they discussed engagement with the elderly and public confidence in policing.
- 3.5 Feedback from all engagement exercises continue to be positive with residents being supportive and appreciative of Neighbourhood Policing in their local area.

4.0 Meetings

- 4.1 Below is a summary of key meetings attended by the PCC. The full diary is published on the PCC website at www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk.
- 4.2 Scrutiny meetings continue to be held with the Chief Constable on a weekly basis. Discussions from these meetings are published on the PCC website under 'Force Accountability'. Any outstanding actions are followed up by the Office of the PCC.
- 4.3 A schedule of monthly targeted Scrutiny Meetings has now been implemented covering Finance, Resources and Policing, Performance and Partners and Commissioning. Each theme is covered on a quarterly basis.
- 4.4 On 11th July the Office of the PCC held its first Strategic Planning Day. This was an opportunity to analyse the work undertaken towards the PCCs primary objectives, and to undertake a Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis. The outcome of the day formed part of the strategic planning process in refreshing the Police and Crime Plan.
- 4.5 On 15th July the PCC hosted the first Cleveland Community Safety Awards at Teesside University. The awards recognised the achievements of individuals from the police, partnership agencies and the voluntary sector in the community safety arena. Over 100 public nominations were received. This annual event forms part of the PCC objective to work for better industrial and community relations.

- 4.6 On 25th July the PCC met with representatives from the UNITE union. The PCC engages regularly with all staff associations and unions as part of his commitment to work for better industrial relations.
- 4.7 On 8th August the PCC met with a representative from the North East Retail Crime Partnership to discuss how the Force can improve links with retailers and share best practice in tackling shoplifting, which is an increasing issue in the current economic climate.
- 4.8 On 28th August the PCC held the first meeting to allocate Police Property Act Funding to support projects which contribute to meeting the PCC objectives. To date £17,260 has been allocated to 19 local community projects across Cleveland. Meetings to distribute the funding will be held quarterly.
- 4.9 On 4th September the PCC took part in a sensory tunnel exercise at Police Headquarters, Ladgate Lane. The tunnel was created by Guide Dogs for the Blind and was present at Headquarters for three days. This experience, organised by Cleveland Police's Disability Support Network, provided front line officers and staff with a greater understanding of how people with sight loss use all their senses in everyday life. This contributed to the PCC objective to improve support for victims.
- 4.10 On 12 September the PCC met with the Chair of the Strategic Independent Advisory group to discuss the future direction of the SIAG and the role of the PCC in the group's work. Plans were made to review current engagement routes with minority communities and reinvigorate the membership of the group.
- 4.11 On 14 September the PCC attended the Middlesbrough Pride event, which aimed to highlight and celebrate diversity within our communities and to reduce hate crime. The PCC supported the event with funding from the Police Property Act Fund.
- 4.12 On 16th September the PCC was part of the panel for the Hartlepool Community Safety Partnership Face the people event. The evening gave over 100 people from the local community the opportunity to pose questions to key community safety agencies.
- 4.13 On 17th September the PCC hosted a follow up stakeholder event focusing on Violence Against Women and Girls to disseminate the findings of the regional consultation. The final report has now been produced and the regional strategy will be launched in November 2013.

- 4.14 On 18th September the PCC met with the PCCs from Durham and Northumbria, in a quarterly meeting. Items discussed included collaboration between the three regional forces and BME hate crime.
- 4.15 On 19th September the PCC attended a national Victims Commissioning event. Funding for victims services will transfer to the PCC from October 2014 and the event highlighted best practice in commissioning processes.

5.0 Future engagement / meetings

Every month, the PCC holds themed Scrutiny Meetings with the Force and/or partners. In the future a number of scrutiny meetings are scheduled to take place namely:

- Finance, Resource & Policy – 5 November 2013
- Performance – 28 November 2013
- Partners and Commissioning – 17 December 2013
- Audit Committee – 19 December 2013

5.1 Other meetings of note include:

- Launch of the Middlesbrough Retail Crime Partnership – 16 October 2013
- Stockton Street Angels Celebration Event – 23 October 2013
- Webchat with Rural Community – 24 October 2013
- Operational Patrol with front line officers for Mischief Night – 30 October 2013

5.2 In addition to this there are a number of events the PCCs Office will be hosting in the future:

- Volunteer Fair including representatives from within the Criminal Justice Sector.
- Restorative Justice Event for key partners to bring together a consistent set of standards, principles and practice that all agencies involved in the field of Restorative Justice will subscribe to.
- Regional Rural Crime Conference.
- Launch of Safe Places Scheme for people with learning disabilities.
- Criminal Justice Awareness event for the BME community, particularly refugees and asylum seekers.

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