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Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Chair and Members of the 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 October 2013 – January 2014.
- 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 community meetings attended in all of Cleveland's 82 ward areas.

- 3.2 As the Commissioner moves into his second year in office there is an increased focus on engaging with minority and specific groups, together with continued attendance at ward community meetings.
- 3.3 Feedback from engagement exercises continue to be positive with residents being supportive and appreciative of Neighbourhood Policing in their local area.
- 3.4 There has been a specific focus on hate crime with some of the diverse groups visited, and work is ongoing on specific hate crime initiatives to encourage reporting of incidents as they occur.

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 been implemented covering Finance, Resources and Policing, Performance and Partners and Commissioning. Each theme is covered on a quarterly basis.
- 4.4 On 3rd October the PCC met with representatives from the UNISON union. The PCC engages regularly with all staff associations and unions as part of his commitment to work for better industrial relations.
- 4.5 On 10th October the PCC hosted a seminar for Restorative Justice Leads to share best practice and work on a common Cleveland wide approach to RJ in the future.
- 4.6 On 11th October the PCC visited Harbour's Middlesbrough refuge to see the services provided for victims of domestic abuse.
- 4.7 On 16th October the PCC attended the launch of the Middlesbrough Retail Crime Partnership, as part of his commitment to tackling retail crime.
- 4.8 On 17th October the PCC hosted a Criminal Justice Awareness event aimed at the Black and Minority Ethnic and Asylum Seeker population. This was as a result of a previous engagement exercise where it was identified that this community would appreciate input on the criminal justice process, stop and search procedures and the police complaints process. The event was held at the International Centre in Middlesbrough.
- 4.9 On 30th October the PCC attended a Penny for the Guy event organised by Redcar neighbourhood staff as a means of engaging with young people on Mischief Night

and providing diversionary activities. This was followed by attendance on police patrols taking place as part of the targeted operation around Mischief Night.

- 4.10 On 9th November the PCC attended a Diversity Day held in Hartlepool to promote community cohesion. The event was supported by funding from the Police Property Act Fund.
- 4.11 On 11th November the PCC hosted a Rural Crime Conference, in conjunction with the Durham PCC and National Farmers Union. The event was aimed at promoting the work undertaken in rural communities and highlighting community safety concerns.
- 4.12 On 22nd November the PCC took part in 11 Million Takeover Day, a national event which gives young people the opportunity to 'takeover' positions for the day and demonstrate how young people can influence strategic policy. The PCC was shadowed by two young people from Hartlepool's Children In Care Council, and visited a Community Payback scheme operated by Stockton Youth Offending Service and visited Hartlepool custody suite to discuss the triage system which diverts young people from offending.
- 4.13 On 25th November the PCC visited the Economic Crime Unit. This was part of a schedule of visits to internal police units to engage with staff.
- 4.14 During December the PCC attended consultation roadshows at shopping centres in each of Cleveland's four Local Policing Areas. The aim of the events was to consult with communities on community safety and in particular experiences of fraud, together with giving out crime prevention advice in the run up to Christmas. During the course of the four events 269 members of the public were consulted.
- 4.15 On 3rd December the PCC visited a variety of disability organisations as part of International Day of Disabled Persons. The day was aimed at highlighting the issues faced by disabled people within communities, and in particular Disability Hate Crime. The PCC met with representatives from the visually impaired community, the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the internal staff Disability Support Network. He also visited a Safe Place scheme to highlight the work ongoing with Safe Places.
- 4.16 On 10th December the PCC launched the Regional Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, together with the PCCs for Durham and Northumbria. Work is ongoing to on an action plan to implement the contents of the strategy.
- 4.17 On 17th December the PCC attended the Force Strategic Planning Day to present his plans for his second term in office.
- 4.18 On 20th December the PCC hosted a Pensioner Drop in event at Police Headquarters. This was an opportunity for senior citizens to give their input to the refresh of the Police and Crime Plan. There was also the opportunity to receive community safety and crime prevention advice together with information on a variety of support services available for elderly people.

- 4.19 On 3rd January the PCC gave a briefing to local MPs on the Force budget situation and plans following the pre Christmas announcement of further funding cuts.
- 4.20 On 8th January the PCC attended the Hartlepool Over 50s Forum to hear their concerns. This was a follow up activity undertaken as a result of the pre Christmas Pensioner Drop in which the group were unable to attend.
- 4.21 On 10th January the PCC attended a disability youth group organised by MENCAP to discuss disability hate crime and how victims can be encouraged to report incidents.
- 4.22 On 15th January the PCC hosted a consultation event with partner organisations to allow input into the refresh of the Police and Crime Plan and the budgetary planning process.
- 4.23 On 17th January the PCC visited the Hartlepool Diabetes Group to discuss their community safety concerns.
- 4.24 On 24th January the PCC hosted an event focused on Reducing Reoffending. The event was organised by the Safer Communities Network to highlight the Voluntary and Community Sector role in achieving desistance.

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 – 4 February 2014
- Performance – 28 February 2014
- Partners and Commissioning – 27th March 2014
- Audit Committee – 27th March 2014

5.1 Other meetings of note include:

- LGBT engagement event
- LGBT Hate Crime Seminar, jointly organised with the PCC, CPS and Safer Future Communities
- Visits to each of the four cadets units to discuss youth engagement

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