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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 in June 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 in all of Cleveland's 82 ward areas being revisited in 2014 after an initial visit in 2013.

- 3.2 In the Commissioner's 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, particularly disability related hate crime, with work ongoing on specific initiatives to provide support for vulnerable residents and 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 the 5th June the PCC attended the annual Catalyst Achievement Awards, showcasing the excellent work done by the Voluntary and Community Sector across the Stockton area.
- 4.5 On 9th June the PCC met with his counterparts in Durham and Northumbria as part of quarterly information sharing and collaboration meetings held regionally. Topics discussed included response to police complaints, mental health and suicide profile and PCC support for the regional alcohol office, Balance.
- 4.6 On 17th and 18th June the PCC attended the annual ACPO Conference. Topics covered included the Code of Ethics for Policing, future police funding, organised crime and cyber crime.
- 4.7 On 19th June the PCC attended a cultural celebration event held at Open Door North Eats which provides support for refugees and asylum seekers across Middlesbrough.
- 4.8 On 20th June the PCC attended the launch of the Safe Places scheme in Hartlepool. The scheme provides community locations where vulnerable people, particularly those with learning disabilities, can go to for support.

- 4.9 On 25th June the PCC observed the recently established Community Drug Enforcement Team incinerate one million pounds of illegal drugs which have been seized across Cleveland since the team's creation in November 2013.
- 4.10 On 30th June the PCC attended the regional launch of Domestic Violence Protection Orders, which are a new power available to the police to provide support for domestic violence victims in the aftermath of an incident. The Orders can ban a perpetrator with immediate effect from returning to a residence and from having contact with the victim for up to 28 days, allowing the victim time to consider their options and get the support they need.

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:

- Partnerships & Commissioning – 24 July 2014
- Finance, Resource & Policy – 31 July 2014
- Performance – 15 August 2014
- Audit Committee – 25 September 2014

5.1 Other meetings of note include:

- PCC Office Strategic Planning Day
- Human Trafficking and Slavery Seminar – 5th September 2014
- Restorative Justice Conference – 18th September 2014
- Stalking and Harassment Seminar – 10th October 2014
- Cleveland Community Safety Awards – 15th October 2014
- Criminal Justice Volunteers Fayre – 4th November 2014
- Violence Against Women and Girls Seminar – December 8th 2014
- Antisocial Behaviour Legislation Seminar – date to be arranged, September

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