

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO CLEVELAND POLICE & CRIME PANEL**

**21 OCTOBER 2014**

### **REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY**

## **FINAL REPORT OF WORK IN SCHOOLS TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

### **SUMMARY**

A Task and Finish Group was formed to examine the approach being taken to the work in schools of the police and the four local authorities in the Cleveland Police force area. The Group's final report is attached for the Panel's consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel recommends to the PCC, Cleveland Police or the local authorities, as appropriate:

1. that each of the councils in the Cleveland Police area investigate the possibility to have appointed a Governor Liaison (Community Liaison Governor) for every school.
2. the PCC and police utilise consultation and engagement officers to coordinate and disseminate information to Community Liaison Governors.
3. that the PCC Office registers an agenda item on Head Teacher and Governor forum meetings in each of the local authority areas.
4. investigating whether a volunteer programme could be established using young people volunteers in schools to engage with their peers about community safety issues.
5. that the PCC and Cleveland Police determine the feasibility of the report (Police Officers in Schools: A scoping study) recommendations.

### **DETAIL**

1. The Panel agreed to form a Task and Finish Group to undertake work to identify the range of work by police officers and PCSOs in schools, any difference of approach across the 4 LAs and to identify the impact this work is having in the Cleveland area.
2. The Group has subsequently taken evidence from Neighbourhood Police officers, PCSOs, Community Safety Managers, Head Teachers,

Governors, and young people to gain a better understanding of the issues as they are perceived.

3. The Group has subsequently made a number of findings and recommendations. These are outlined in the attached report and summarised above.

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