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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. 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 to September 2015.
- 1.2 Future meetings of the PCC will also be summarised.

2. 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. 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 79 ward areas being revisited on an annual

basis. So far in 2015, 73 meetings have been attended through the initiative, taking the total of meetings attended since the PCC came into office to over 300.

- 3.2 Inconsiderate parking, especially around schools was frequently raised as a key community concern. The PCC Office are working with the Police, Local Authorities, Guide Dogs and the Royal National Institute for the Blind to re-launch an inconsiderate parking campaign aimed at educating motorists regarding the impact of parking on pavements for vulnerable members of the community such as the visually impaired and those in wheel chairs. This will involve the use of posters and advisory notices together with targeted use of a Sensory Tunnel at specific community events.
- 3.3 A reduction in the number of Neighbourhood Watch schemes was raised in several areas as a concern. The PCC Office is liaising with a newly created Cleveland wide Neighbourhood Watch Board to offer support for the future development of Neighbourhood Watch across Cleveland.
- 3.4 Lack of awareness regarding availability of diversionary activities for young people was raised as a concern. Targeted work is being undertaken to maximise the number of organisations listed on the Give It A Go mobile phone application and website which offers free signposting to diversionary activities.
- 3.5 All of the issues raised at community meetings are raised with the local Integrated Neighbourhood Teams for action where necessary.

4. Other Meetings

- 4.1 Below is a summary of key other 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 In addition to this the PCC monitors the Control Room Log and the Serious Incident Log on a daily basis.
- 4.4 A schedule of targeted Scrutiny Meetings has been implemented covering Finance, Resources and Policing, Performance and Partners and Commissioning.
- 4.5 On 7th July the PCC attended the Middlesbrough Crucial Crew event, which is a multi agency community safety event involving representatives from partnership agencies. The event is aimed at Year 6 pupils (last year of Primary School), with the children participating in a carousel of different scenarios aimed at educating them regarding community safety in preparation for the transition to secondary school. The PCC funded the event through the PCC Community Safety Initiatives Fund and the PCC Office facilitated one of the workshops which used interactive voting software to

obtain the children's views on crime and antisocial behaviour concerns. The results of this consultation form part of the wider consultation and engagement strategy.

- 4.6 On 12th July the PCC attended the annual Sikh Nagar Kirtan procession in Middlesbrough promoting community cohesion and diversity within Cleveland.
- 4.7 On 16th July the PCC hosted a multi agency seminar focusing on the use of Antisocial Behaviour legislation. Over 50 representatives from the police and partnership agencies attended to share best practice and maximise the effective use of current legislation.
- 4.8 On 26th July the PCC attended the EID Fusion Festival in Stockton with members of his team to give out free crime prevention equipment and advice, whilst gathering the views of members of the public on hate crime and police engagement. The event was supported through the PCC Community Safety Initiatives Fund.
- 4.9 On 28th August the PCC hosted a Human Trafficking and Slavery training event for police officers and partnership agencies. The event formed part of a series of nine training events funded by the PCC and delivered by Hope for Justice, which aim to raise awareness of the signs of trafficking and slavery and equip professionals with the skills to identify victims and the knowledge of what mechanisms are available both to support victims and bring perpetrators to justice. Demand for sessions has been high, therefore further sessions will be held in the future.

5. 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:

- Audit Committee – 24th September
- Partnerships & Commissioning – 20th October
- Performance – 28th October
- Finance, Resource & Policy – 30th October

5.1 Other meetings of note include:

- Launch of Single Integrated Offender Management Hub – 22nd September
- Launch of Operation Encompass in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland – 1st October 2015
- IAG Communities Conference – 28th October 2015
- Criminal Justice Volunteers Fair – 2nd November
- Launch of Restorative Cleveland – 19th November 2015
- Community Safety Awards - 25th November

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