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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 September to November 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, 95 meetings have been attended through the initiative, taking the total of meetings attended since the PCC came into office to 325.

- 3.2 The need for feedback to communities regarding the activity undertaken by the police was often raised as an issue, together with establishing communication channels and single points of contact between the community and the Police. Cleveland Police have recently undertaken a review of Neighbourhood Policing, which has been accepted by the PCC. Both feedback and consistent communication and engagement are being considered when implementing the recommendations of the review.
- 3.3 Youth antisocial behaviour is a frequently raised concern. The PCC commissioned Durham University to undertake a review of Cleveland's antisocial behaviour to better understand why levels within the area are so far above the national average. One of the key areas of focus arising from the review is youth antisocial behaviour, and the Police are working together with the PCC to address this.
- 3.4 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 8th September the PCC held a Soft Market Testing event for Victim Referral Services, in preparation for the PCC commissioning victim's services from April 2016. The aim of the event was to gauge interest from the market in preparation for the commissioning exercise, and also to better understand barriers to service provision. Representatives from over 30 organisations attended, and independent consultants worked with the organisations to assist them in possible bid applications.
- 4.6 On 22nd September the PCC attended the launch of the Single Integrated Offender Management Hub at Holme House Prison. The aim of the IOM Hub is to enhance the relationship between all organisations involved in reducing offending and re-offending, with co-location of a restorative justice co-ordinator, a police sergeant, a research and intelligence analyst and two prison officers who are supported by police officers and probation staff in the community.

- 4.7 On 1st October the PCC attended the launch of Operation Encompass in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland. The pioneering scheme supports young people caught up in domestic abuse by establishing a link between the police and schools so that when the police attend an incident of domestic violence where a child or young person is present, the school will be contacted to ensure support is available the following day at school. The scheme was launched in Hartlepool from April 2015, and between April and October 2015, 272 children have been referred as a result of witnessing domestic violence, which has resulted in 151 referrals to schools. The scheme will be rolled out to Stockton in January 2016, meaning that the whole Cleveland area will be covered.
- 4.8 On 3rd October the PCC attended two BME community events – the Nigerian Independence Celebration at Teesside University and the annual Justice First dinner (ticket paid for personally by PCC). This gave the PCC the opportunity to discuss community safety issues with diverse communities and those who support them in accessing legal services through the asylum process.
- 4.9 On 9th October the PCC attended a regional launch of Hate Crime Awareness Week, involving his PCC counterparts in Durham and Northumbria, together with the Crown Prosecution Service. During the week the PCC attended numerous events aimed at raising awareness of the issue of hate crime, highlighting support services available and encouraging victims to report incidents. This included a visit to Farooq E Azam mosque in Stockton to hear the community safety concerns of the congregation, attending primary school disability hate awareness training commissioned by the PCC in Norton Primary School, opening multi agency Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness training commissioned by the PCC, presenting a workshop on disability hate crime at a Regional Hate Crime Conference and holding a web chat focusing on hate crime. Throughout the week there was extensive coverage on the PCC website and social media.
- 4.10 On 13th October the PCC was a member of the panel at the Hartlepool Face the People session, organised by Hartlepool Community Safety partnership to allow community members to discuss community safety issues with representatives from the various criminal justice service agencies. The event was followed by a webchat which the PCC participated in.
- 4.11 On 19th October the PCC held a Planning Day for the PCC Office focusing on the challenges of operating the office during the pre-election purdah period in 2016. Areas covered included use of social media, use of police resources and OPCC office interaction with PCC candidates.
- 4.12 On 20th October the PCC opened a multi agency Rape Training Day, which focused on crime recording, myths and challenges regarding rape, use of Independent Sexual Violence Advisers and advice from the Crown Prosecution Service on early charging advice. The event formed part of the Regional Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.

- 4.13 On 28th October the PCC hosted the Independent Advisory Group Communities Conference, which was an opportunity for diverse communities to discuss key areas of concern with the PCC and Police representatives. Topics covered included Child Sexual Exploitation, Prevent and Counter Terrorism, Hate Crime, Diversity Monitoring and Professional Standards. The results of the discussions will be used to shape the future direction of the Strategic IAG.
- 4.14 On 2nd November the PCC held his third annual Criminal Justice Volunteers Fair at Teesside University. The event is an opportunity for public and voluntary sector agencies within the criminal justice system to showcase volunteering opportunities to the public, and over 20 organisations attended including Victim Support, Middlesbrough and Stockton MIND and the Citizens Advice Bureau – Witness Service.

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 – 17th December
- Performance – 20th January 2016
- Finance, Resource & Policy – 25th January 2016
- Partnerships & Commissioning – 28th January 2016

5.1 Other meetings of note include:

- Show Racism the Red Card teacher training events – 11th, 18th and 24th November
- Launch of Restorative Cleveland – 19th November
- 11 Million Takeover Day (young people shadowing PCC) – 20th November
- Media Culture CIC Community Cohesion training for teachers – 9th December
- Multi agency Antisocial Behaviour Seminar – 21st January 2016

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