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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 November 2015 to January 2016.
- 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. Since coming into office the PCC has attended over 330 community meetings allowing him to better understand the needs of local communities across Cleveland

- 3.2 Lack of visible neighbourhood policing and a reduction in community engagement was often raised as an issue. The recent Neighbourhood Policing Review, which has been accepted by the PCC, will seek to remove some of the additional demands from neighbourhood teams allowing them to refocus on community engagement and core neighbourhood policing.
- 3.3 The need to have resources available at peak times was also raised quite frequently. The recent Response Policing Review, which has been accepted by the PCC, recommends a change in shift patterns to increase the efficiency of Response Teams and better ensure that resources are available when most needed.
- 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 2nd November the PCC held the third annual Criminal Justice Volunteers Fair, which was again hosted by Teesside University. Representatives from 18 criminal justice agencies attended, including Boro Angels, Harbour Support Services and Middlesbrough and Stockton MIND, to recruit volunteers into their service areas. Cleveland Police utilised the event to advertise opportunities to become a volunteer Special Constable.
- 4.6 On 4th November the PCC, together with the Assistant Chief Constable, met with East Cleveland Community Organisation (ECCO). ECCO is a recently established forum for the residents of East Cleveland to come together as a single voice to raise their concerns with the Police and other agencies, and to have a positive influence on the local community. The group raised a variety of issues including youth antisocial behaviour, police engagement and crime prevention. The PCC intends to meet regularly with ECCO to ensure that these concerns continue to be fed back to the Force Executive and acted upon.

- 4.7 On 11th November the PCC hosted the first of a series of three practitioner training events, focusing on equipping teachers and youth workers with the skills and confidence to challenge racism in children and young people. The events, which were funded by the PCC through his Community Safety Initiatives Fund, were delivered by the North East charity Show Racism the Red Card as part of a project which also included a football stadium event at Middlesbrough Riverside Stadium, involving pupils from 3 schools, and educational workshops with more than 3000 children from over 30 schools across Cleveland. During the course of the 3 teacher training events representatives from nearly 60 organisations attended, including nurseries, primary schools, Youth Offending and Children's Centres. Feedback from the events was very positive with attendees stating that they found the information around racist terminology and the tools to challenge racism and stereotypes extremely useful.
- 4.8 On 16th November the PCC took part in some site visits to various access points to Eston Hills, in conjunction with rural community members, Cleveland Police and Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority. This formed part of a wider piece of work looking at preventing access to the hills for quad bikes and 4x4 vehicles which can be used antisocially, causing damage to rural landowner's property and livestock. The work has been funded by the PCC, Local Authority and Teesside University, who own part of the land, and the restrictions put in place so far have reduced the number of incidents.
- 4.9 On 19th November the PCC attended the launch of Restorative Cleveland, which is a partnership approach for the delivery of restorative justice across the Cleveland area which has been funded by the PCC. The project involves a virtual hub made up of key agencies who work to support victims of crime, reduce reoffending and support communities, with the aim of ensuring that agencies have a common approach to restorative practice across the whole Cleveland area.
- 4.10 On 20th November 5 young people from Hartlepool shadowed the PCC for the day as part of the national initiative 'Takeover Challenge'. The aim was to highlight the active role that young people can take in society and to positively promote the activities of young people who are all too often shown in a negative light with the stereotype of 'hoodies' committing antisocial behaviour. During the day the young people had a tour of the Control Room, to better understand how calls to the Police are prioritised and dispatched, and also met with Victim Support workers whom the PCC has funded to work within the Police Control Room to ensure that support is readily available to victims of crime who contact the police.
- 4.11 On 4th December the PCC hosted an event to mark the second anniversary of the Regional Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, in conjunction with his Durham and Northumbria counterparts. The event included presentations on human trafficking and female genital mutilation amongst other topics. Since the VAWG Strategy was launched in 2013 there has been significant work undertaken in Cleveland including multi agency training on Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery, Police training on Stalking and Harassment and the creation of over 50

Workplace Champions in businesses across Cleveland who will provide support and guidance to colleagues who are suffering from domestic abuse.

- 4.12 On 9th December the PCC opened a teacher training session focusing on enhancing social cohesion and countering radicalisation and racism. The session, which was commissioned by the PCC and delivered by Media Cultured CIC, included representatives from 10 secondary schools across Hartlepool, Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland. Media Cultured CIC are a social enterprise that designs and delivers 'identity and integration' workshops aimed at encouraging harmony, tolerance and integration, together with equipping educational professionals with the resources and skills necessary to counter non-violent extremist views. The project has received national acclaim from the former independent terrorism legislation reviewer, Lord Carlile.
- 4.13 On 10th December the PCC attended a special cinema screening of 'White Christmas' for people living with dementia. The event was organised by Redcar and Cleveland Police Cadets, in conjunction with the Regent Cinema, Redcar and the Alzheimers Society. The cadets, many of whom have been trained as 'Dementia Friends', staffed the event which aimed to stimulate positive memories for people with dementia.
- 4.14 On 11th December the PCC attended and spoke at the '100 Years of Women in Policing' conference, which celebrated the achievements of women within the policing arena. During the day presentations were heard from the outgoing Chief Constable, Jacqui Cheer, who reflected on the developments towards equality that have been made during her service, and also from officers and staff focusing on achieving a Work Life Balance within the Police and on implementing the Code of Ethics.
- 4.15 On 14th January 2016 the PCC attended the launch of Operation Encompass in Stockton. The scheme has been rolled out across the 139 nurseries, schools, academies and colleges within the district, and means that police will inform education institutions that one of "their" children or young people has been involved – directly or indirectly -in a domestic abuse incident in the previous 24 hours. A specially trained designated key adult will then intervene early and offer appropriate support to the child. The scheme has already been rolled out across Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland, and to date 603 children have been helped by the initiative.
- 4.16 On 19th January the PCC hosted an Antisocial Behaviour Seminar involving representatives from over 30 organisations including Police, Local Authorities, Youth Offending, Voluntary and Community Sector and Housing. The focus of the event was on agencies working together to better tackle antisocial behaviour, with presentations on the recent Durham University research into Antisocial Behaviour within Cleveland, the new information sharing E-CINS system, which has been commissioned by the PCC and the Troubled Families Programme.

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:

- Performance – 20th January
- Finance, Resource & Policy – 25th January
- Partnerships & Commissioning – 28th January
- Audit Committee – 24th March

5.1 Other meetings of note include:

- Victim Referral Stakeholder Engagement Event – 22nd February
- Crime and Business Summit – 25th February
- Middlesbrough Community Safety Roadshow – 26th February
- Stockton Community Safety Roadshow – 2nd March
- Hartlepool Community Safety Roadshow – 3rd March
- Redcar & Cleveland Community Safety Roadshow – TBA, end March

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