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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 2016 to September 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 in November 2012 the PCC has attended over 385

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. Following a review of Neighbourhood Policing, the force moved to a new Integrated Neighbourhood Team (INT) model on 6th June. The PCC is monitoring the effectiveness of the new model through continued public consultation.
- 3.3 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 During the summer period the PCC held a number of crime prevention roadshows at community events across Cleveland, whereby staff from the PCC Office gave out free crime prevention equipment and advice, together with information on support services available across Cleveland. Events attended included Middlesbrough Mela and Stockton EID Fusion, multi cultural BME events, Cleveland Show, an agricultural show held at Stewart's Park in Middlesbrough and Thornaby Show, a community event.
- 4.5 The PCC also attended Nagar Kirtan on 17th July, which is a Sikh parade taking place in Middlesbrough to promote community cohesion. He spoke at the event to give information on the hate crime initiatives being promoted through the Force and PCC.
- 4.6 On 15th August the PCC attended and chaired the Tees Rural Crime Forum, which is a cross Cleveland forum for rural residents and businesses to raise community safety concerns. The group discussed ongoing issues with antisocial use of off road vehicles on Eston Hills which the PCC is working with the Local Authority to address.
- 4.7 During July and August the PCC attended Community Safety Partnerships across all four Local Authority areas to outline his draft Police and Crime Plan and consult on plans for 2016/2020.

5. Future Engagement / Meetings

5.1 Meetings of note over the next few weeks include:

- Local Criminal Justice Board - 6 September
- Cultural Awareness event – for officers and staff focusing on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender community, Refugees and Asylum Seekers and Visually Impaired community - 19 September
- Communities Against Violence in Cleveland (CAVIC) Launch – new initiative to strengthen approach to tackling violence – 20 September

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