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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 February 2017 to June 2017.
- 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 almost 470

community meetings allowing him to better understand the needs of local communities across Cleveland.

- 3.2 At meetings recently attended concern was raised regarding the potential for community tensions following the recent terrorist incidents in Manchester and London. Through the £1.5 million additional investment in Neighbourhood Policing the PCC has supported the recruitment of dedicated roles to liaise and engage with minority communities, and also dedicated roles to investigate hate crime. The PCC has also recently attended a number of community events focusing on encouraging community cohesion including a visit to Farooq E Azam mosque in Stockton and participation in the Great Get Together organised in Middlesbrough to mark the anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox MP. The PCC also attended the launch of the Love Your Neighbour initiative in Redcar and Cleveland, which follows the model established in Middlesbrough of encouraging community cohesion and reducing intolerance of minority communities.
- 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](http://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 On 2<sup>nd</sup> February the PCC attended an event to mark FGM Zero Tolerance Day. The PCC continues to fund HALO to raise awareness of FGM and support victims.
- 4.5 On 3<sup>rd</sup> February the PCC attended the launch event of Fly Tipping signs which were funded jointly by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and the PCC. The signs are to be utilised across Redcar and Cleveland and will facilitate the prosecution of fly tippers. Fly tipping has been raised as a key concern by rural community members through the Tees Rural Crime Forum, which the PCC chairs, and also through engagement events held with the rural community. The project was facilitated by the Cleveland Police Rural Crime Prevention Officer, who was funded through the PCC's additional investment in Neighbourhood Policing.
- 4.6 On 7<sup>th</sup> February the PCC hosted a multi agency event focusing on Breaking the Silence on Sexual Violence. This took place during Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week which is a national campaign to give the general public, statutory and third sector organisations an opportunity to discuss sexual abuse and sexual violence in order to raise awareness and promote prevention. The purpose of the

event locally was to raise awareness around the safeguarding and protection of victims with a focus on illustrating victim options whether they wish to follow the criminal justice route of access service independently.

- 4.7 On 17<sup>th</sup> March the PCC attended a boxing event to mark the culmination of The Right Hook project, which was supported by the PCC through the Community Safety Initiatives Fund. The Right Hook utilised mobile boxing rings to engage with young people in deprived areas across Redcar and Cleveland, encouraging participation in positive sporting activity whilst also offering support around employment training, with the aim of helping local residents to overcome disadvantage and access meaningful employment and educational opportunities that set them on a positive life pathway.
- 4.8 On 12<sup>th</sup> April the PCC took part in a joint patrol between the Cleveland Police Rural Crime Officer and the Angling Trust at Lockwood Beck Reservoir. This forms part of a series of multi agency patrols focusing on wildlife and rural crime, ensuring that agencies are working in partnership and utilising the various legislation available to each agency to ensure enforcement and prosecution of offenders.
- 4.9 On 6<sup>th</sup> May the PCC attended Exercise Aurora, which is a multi agency annual event focusing on emergency planning skills for young people involved in the Duke of Cornwall awards. A variety of organisations participated including Mountain Rescue, British Red Cross, Cleveland Police, Local Authorities and Cleveland Fire and Rescue.
- 4.10 On 10<sup>th</sup> May the PCC attended a Social Inclusion football tournament organised by Middlesbrough FC as a mechanism for encouraging community cohesion through the medium of sport. The PCC supports the Middlesbrough FC Kicks programme which provides free of charge diversionary activities for young people in deprived areas across Middlesbrough, Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland, and going forward plans are in place to fund Hartlepool FC to provide a similar programme in Hartlepool.
- 4.11 On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May the PCC hosted a visit to Cleveland for the Victims' Commissioner, Baroness Newlove. During her time in Cleveland Baroness Newlove observed a 'Friends Against Scams' session held by the Victim Care and Advice Service (the jointly commissioned victim referral service operating across Cleveland and Durham) with victims of fraud. The session aimed to equip victims with the knowledge of scams to prevent re-victimisation, whilst also bringing them together to receive support through shared experience. The PCC has undertaken Scam Champion training and acts as a Scambassador, to raise awareness of fraud and scams. Baroness Newlove also held two focus groups with victims of crime during her visit. She expressed her support for the range of victims' services available across Cleveland, stating, "I've been very impressed with the work in Cleveland in supporting victims of crime, particularly the great work taking place to help prevent further victims of fraud. Cleveland certainly has a lot of support to offer victims living in the area, and I look forward to that continuing. Ensuring that victims receive a personalised service that suits their needs and their circumstances are absolutely key – I can see that together with Durham, Cleveland is focusing on this to bring about some real improvements for victims of crime in the area."

4.12 On 20<sup>th</sup> May the PCC took part in an Equality Climb at Roseberry Topping, which was organised by LGB&T support organisation Hart Gables to mark International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO). The PCC sits on the Tees Valley LGB&T Strategy Group and has funded LGB&T advocates to work with victims of homophobic and transphobic hate crime.

## **5. Future Engagement / Meetings**

5.1 Meetings of note over the next few weeks include:

- Preventing victimisation of Refugees and Asylum Seekers multi agency event – 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Community Safety Roadshows – Stockton Eid Fusion (2<sup>nd</sup> July), Middlesbrough Mela (16<sup>th</sup> July), Coulby Newham Emergency Services community event (16<sup>th</sup> July), Cleveland Show (22<sup>nd</sup> July)
- Launch of Cleveland Police Women’s Network – 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Local Criminal Justice Board Away Day – 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Nagar Kirtan sikh parade - 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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