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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 October 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 over 500

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

- 3.2 To mark the 500th 'Your Force Your Voice' meeting the PCC hosted a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Celebration evening to promote the work of the VCSE sector in the field of community safety. Organisations from across the area were invited to attend and give a two minute 'lightning talk' on the work which they undertake. Over 60 delegates attended from a wide range of arenas including emergency planning (RNLI, Raynet, Rapid Response Team, Fire Service), youth diversion (MFC Foundation, Hemlington Linx, Street League), victim support (VCAS, CAB Witness Support, My Sister's Place, Trans Aware) and community based groups (Friends of Ropner Park, Hartlepool Chinese Association). The evening was an opportunity for organisations to network and share best practice, and highlighted the vast array of voluntary work ongoing in the field of community safety across Cleveland.
- 3.3 As part of the 'Your Force Your Voice' initiative the PCC has started a programme of visits to operational policing units to meet the staff and see what work they are involved with. This has given the opportunity to have a frank discussion about people's work, and for issues to be brought to the PCC's attention and action taken to address them if necessary. Visits have been conducted across the three commands:
- Neighbourhood and Partnerships – Integrated Offender Management, Communities and Partnerships
 - Tasking, Coordination and Operations – Integrated Response Team (IRT) North
 - Crime and Justice – Custody, Protecting Vulnerable People
- 3.4 Additional visits have also been made to Professional Standards. Further visits are planned to Hartlepool Early Intervention Hub, Redcar Transformational Challenge project, IRT South, Serious and Organised Crime, Scientific Support, Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Murder Investigation Team and the North East Regional Specialist Operations Unit.

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 On 4th September the PCC attended a regional PCCs meeting with his counterparts from Durham and Northumbria. Items discussed included the work of the North East Regional Specialist Operations Unit, cyber crime, violence against women and girls and trafficking and modern day slavery.
- 4.5 On 6th September the PCC hosted a 7 Force collaboration meeting involving Chief Constables and PCCs from Cleveland, Durham, Northumbria, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Humberside. The focus of the event was to discuss opportunities for possible collaboration and it was agreed to focus this work initially on the area of cyber crime. A further meeting is expected to take place later this year.
- 4.6 On 12th September the PCC attended a taster session of the Everyone Matters In Practice training, which is to be rolled out across all staff including Sopra Steria and Mitie. The focus of the training is on dealing sensitively with diversity both within the organisation and when dealing with external agencies and the public. It forms part of the wider Everyone Matters strategy.
- 4.7 On 18th September the PCC chaired the first meeting of the Cleveland Strategic Hate Crime and Incidents Group. The group has been established to facilitate a cohesive, co-ordinated approach across all services to dealing effectively with hate crime and hate incidents, sharing best practice, challenging prejudice and hate and connecting communities to improve community cohesion. Membership is comprised of the OPCC, Police, Youth Offending Service, Local Authorities, National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Company, Housing, VCAS and VCSE. The work of the group will be focused around five key areas:
- Preventing hate crime and incidents
 - Responding to hate crime and incidents in our communities
 - Increasing the reporting of hate crime and incidents
 - Improving support for the victims of hate crime and incidents
 - Building our understanding of hate crime and incidents
- 4.8 On 29th September the PCC attended an event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Cleveland Sexual Assault Referral Centre. Since the SARC opened in 2007, 4816 victims of sexual assault have received support at the centre, this year alone the figure stand at 569.
- 4.9 On 3rd October the PCC attended a Show Racism the Red Card workshop in Billingham South Primary School, as part of a programme of educational workshops commissioned by the PCC. During 2017/18 the project will deliver anti racism workshops in 27 primary schools and 3 secondary schools together with educational events at the areas two main football clubs, Middlesbrough FC and Hartlepool FC.
- 4.10 On 9th October the PCC attended an event at Teesside University focusing on a new collaboration between the University and Cleveland Police which will see research undertaken into Evidence Based Practice around policing, ensuring that the future direction and strategy of Cleveland Police is based on effective and proven methodologies.

- 4.11 On 16th October the PCC attended the Strategic Independent Advisory Group and welcomed the new Chair to the meeting. Kulbir Peacock, who works as the Director of Middlesbrough based youth detached work charity Hemlington Linx, has been appointed as the new SIAG Chair, pending vetting, to replace the former Chair Shahda Khan who recently stood down following years of involvement with the SIAG.
- 4.12 On 18th October the PCC attended the National Anti-Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Network in London. The agenda included updates from the National Police Chiefs Council, Home Office and the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. The PCC updated the meeting in regards to plans to set up a network locally within Cleveland.
- 4.13 Between 16th and 20th October the PCC undertook a range of engagements as part of National Hate Crime Awareness Week, which aims to raise public understanding of the issue of hate crime and encourage reporting through various mechanisms. Events during the week included visits to Third Party Reporting Centres to highlight alternative mechanisms for reporting for victims who do not wish to report directly to the Police, the launch of a film aimed at and produced by Refugees and Asylum Seekers through funding from the PCC for the Regional Refugee Forum, which highlights how to report hate crime and receive support, and Show Racism the Red Card Wear Red day, where the PCC and members of his team wore red to symbolise the activity being undertaken in Cleveland to tackle and challenge racism.
- 4.14 On 30th October John Cairncross from the Home Office visited Cleveland to meet with the PCC and Executive Team. Area of focus during the day included:
- Force Strategy on Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - Neighbourhood Policing update, including the results of recent HMIC Inspections
 - Overview of the work of the OPCC and how this scrutinises the work of the Police in key operational areas

5. Future Engagement / Meetings

- 5.1 Meetings of note over the next few weeks include:
- Middlesbrough FC Show Racism the Red Card event – 14th November
 - National Interfaith Week event – 16th November
 - Transgender Day of Remembrance – 20th November
 - Cleveland Community Safety Awards – 22nd November

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