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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 2017 to January 2018.
- 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 515

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

- 3.2 At meetings recently attended a key topic covered has been how the Police and community safety partners communicate the activities which they are undertaking with the general public to provide community reassurance. Cleveland Connected, which has almost 12,000 members, is a web based community messaging system which the Police use to send messages out to the community. In addition to this Neighbourhood Teams all have Facebook sites where they promote the activity which they are undertaking and this is also highlighted in monthly newsletters produced at a sector level, which are available on the Force website. The OPCC are currently leading on a piece of work with diverse communities looking at how to communicate the considerable work being undertaken by criminal justice agencies to improve responses to victims of hate crime. A community event is planned for late February/early March to seek the views of community members regarding this work.
- 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 On 6th November the PCC attended the Tees Rural Crime Forum, which he chairs. The meeting brings together partnership agencies with rural community residents and businesses to focus on community safety issues in rural areas. The focus of the meeting was on Control Room response when incidents are reported, and Operation Checkpoint, which is a multi agency rural crime operation run three or four times a year involving seven Forces – Cleveland, North Yorkshire, Durham, Cumbria, West Yorkshire, Northumbria, South Yorkshire.
- 4.5 On 10th November the PCC attended a regional PCC meeting with his counterparts in Durham and Northumbria. The focus of the meeting was on the work of the North East Regional Specialist Operations Unit and the work being undertaken to develop a collective response to Serious and Organised Crime.
- 4.6 On 15th November the PCC attended the Cleveland Strategic Hate Crime and Incidents Group, which he chairs. The group brings together representatives from

OPCC, Police, Housing, LAs, VCSE, CPS, NPS and CRC to develop a collective response to hate crime, focusing on the key areas of:

- Preventing hate crime
- Responding to hate crime in our communities
- Increasing the reporting of hate crime
- Improving support for victims of hate crime
- Building our understanding of hate crime

- 4.7 On 20th November the PCC attended the Reducing Reoffending Group, which he chairs. Key areas of focus at the meeting were Integrated Offender Management, children and young people in contact with the criminal justice system and the Lammy Review, an independent review into the treatment of, and outcomes for, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals in the Criminal Justice System
- 4.8 On 24th November the PCC attended a re-launch event for Hart Gables, who are an LGB&T community focused organisation, who have recently relocated from Hartlepool to Stockton. The event highlighted the support available through Hart Gables, together with the work ongoing with the LGB&T community on a number of themes, including hate crime, through the Tees Valley LGB&T Strategy Group.
- 4.9 On 24th November the PCC opened a pilot training session with front line police staff, funded by the PCC and delivered by the North East charity Show Racism the Red Card, to raise awareness of race hate crime and to equip officers with the skills to effectively tackle reported issues. The training covered the areas of perceptive and associative hate crime.
- 4.10 On 27th November the PCC attended a virtual reality demonstration, organised by the Victim Care and Advice Service. The demonstration was of a road safety related virtual reality film which Youth Offending currently use as an educational tool with young drivers. The OPCC will be working with VCAS and Teesside University to explore possible uses for virtual reality within the context of offender education on victim awareness.
- 4.11 On 1st December the PCC attended the Cleveland Police Cadets Award ceremony. There are four cadet units across Cleveland, one in each Local Policing Area. The programme was established in 2009 for young people aged between 13 and 17, and is funded by the PCC. The awards ceremony was a means of recognising the achievements of the young people involved in the scheme, and it is planned that this will become an annual event.
- 4.12 On 4th and 5th December the PCC attended crime prevention pop up stalls in local supermarkets as part of the Christmas crime prevention campaign being carried out by the Crime Prevention officers, funded by the PCC through additional investment in Neighbourhood Policing. The focus of the events was on giving members of the public crime prevention advice and equipment to help prevent them being victims of crime over the Christmas period.

- 4.13 On 7th December the PCC attended a Middlesbrough focused event highlighting the opportunities for VCSE organisations to apply to the Home Office Building a Stronger Britain Together (BSBT) programme. BSBT is a Home Office initiative which supports civil society and community organisations who work to create more resilient communities, stand up to extremism in all its forms and offer vulnerable individuals a positive alternative, regardless of race, faith, sexuality, age and gender. The programme allows organisations that share these aims to bid for in-kind support and grant funding for specific programmes that deliver the following goals, as set out in the Counter Extremism Strategy.
- Fewer people holding attitudes, beliefs and feelings that oppose shared values
 - An increased sense of belonging and civic participation at the local level
 - More resilient communities.

Following on from the Middlesbrough event the PCC hosted a Cleveland wide event on 16th January, in conjunction with Safer Future Communities, to promote the opportunities available across the whole area and to encourage joint activity. The event was well attended with 52 attendees from the Police, Local Authority, Housing, VDAs and VCSE organisations. Following the event 8 VCSEs have expressed an interest in submitting a single agency bid and 18 have expressed an interest in a collaborative bid. Safer Futures Communities are working with LAs, VDAs and VCSE to progress the development of bids in a very tight time schedule with applications for funding closing on 16th February. The PCC has indicated that he will be supportive of all suitable local bids.

- 4.14 On 19th December the PCC visited foodbanks across Cleveland to distribute food donated by Cleveland Police and OPCC staff through a PCC led campaign across the Force.
- 4.15 On 21st December the PCC chaired a meeting of the Eston Hills Operational Group, which is a multi agency partnership brought together to tackle issues with criminal damage, antisocial behaviour and off road vehicles on Eston Hills. Since the group was formed and multi agency measures to tackle the issues put in place there has been a sharp reduction in reported incidents.
- 4.16 On 15th January the PCC attended the Strategic Independent Advisory group, which is a group of diverse community representatives who act as a 'critical friend' to Cleveland Police and the OPCC on strategy and policy. This was the first meeting to be chaired by the recently appointed Chair, Kulbir Peacock. Kulbir is Director for the Middlesbrough based youth detached organisation, Hemlington Linx, and has a long history of working in conjunction with Cleveland Police regarding youth engagement and diversion. The meeting focused on establishing a Continual Professional Development framework for SIAG members, police response to hate crime and police support for diverse communities.

5. Future Engagement / Meetings

5.1 Meetings of note over the next few weeks include:

- Mini Police Closing ceremony – 8th February
- Eston Hills Operational Group - 21st February
- Hartlepool Face the Public event - 26th February

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