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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 2018 to June 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 over 560

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 concern regarding a perceived lack of visible policing in neighbourhoods, particularly in rural areas. The Force operates a demand based model for Neighbourhood Policing, with each ward designated as Strengthen, Support or Sustain based on a variety of factors including reported crime and antisocial behaviour and deprivation levels. The new Chief Constable is currently reviewing the staffing structure to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.
- 3.3 Another area of concern is the antisocial use of off road motor vehicles across Cleveland. Operation Endurance is a cross Cleveland and Durham operation focusing on off road vehicles through a combination of education within schools, community intelligence gathering and enforcement through tactical operations and patrols. A Rural Task Force of Volunteers and Specials is being created to focus on rural taskings, which will cover many of the hotspot areas identified as an issue for off road vehicles.
- 3.4 Youth antisocial behaviour remains a key concern as we move into the summer months, with warmer weather and light nights. The PCC funds a variety of youth diversionary activities, including the Targeted Youth Outreach Service in each Local Authority area which is focused on priority areas as identified through the Community Safety Partnership and multi agency tasking meetings.
- 3.5 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 8<sup>th</sup> February the PCC attended the closing ceremony of the Mini Police initiative at Frederick Nattrass Primary School in Norton. Mini Police is an initiative being piloted by the new School Liaison Officers which aims to increase positive engagement between young people and the Police, educating primary pupils on a range of issues including antisocial behaviour, whilst also providing them with more information on the role of the Police with the aim of encouraging future recruitment.

The scheme has been successfully piloted in Frederick Nattrass and North Ormesby Primary and will be rolled out across other targeted schools.

- 4.5 On 26<sup>th</sup> February the PCC attended the Hartlepool Community Safety Partnership 'Your Say Our Future' community engagement event. This was an opportunity for members of the public to speak to senior representatives from the key CSP partners. The event also marked the public launch of the new Integrated Working Model which sees Police, Fire and Community Safety staff co-located to facilitate improved partnership working. Integrated Working is already partially in place in Stockton and is being piloted in Middlesbrough through the Town Centre Management Team. The concept is being discussed for possible implementation in Redcar and Cleveland.
- 4.6 On 22<sup>nd</sup> March the PCC attended the opening of the North East Regional Crime Prevention Centre. The new facility is home to a number of organisations which tackle organised crime, including the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the North East Regional Special Operations Unit (NERSOU). Working together, they provide significant capacity to share intelligence and join-up their activities to address crimes such as child sexual exploitation, human trafficking, modern day slavery, drug-related crimes, cyber-crime and fraud.
- 4.7 On 28<sup>th</sup> March the PCC hosted a multi agency event to showcase the results of the pioneering Child Sexual Exploitation Perpetrator Research, which he commissioned. The research, called *Motivations of Child Sexual Exploitation Offenders: Disrupt, Treat, Manage*, was completed by Barefoot Research and examines the backgrounds, motivations and approaches of offenders, as well as identifying possible points of intervention. Fourteen key themes were identified from the event, which will be progressed through a Perpetrator Subgroup of the Cleveland Strategic VEMT Group.
- 4.8 On 29<sup>th</sup> March the PCC attended the first meeting of the Anti Trafficking Network which he has commissioned. The group is formed of representatives from OPCC, Police, Local Authority, including Adult and Children's Services and Community Safety, North East Migration Partnership and Immigration Service. The group is chaired by an Independent Chair, funded by the PCC, and focuses on improving partnership working in the arena of modern day slavery and trafficking, focusing particularly on work around the victim's pathway.
- 4.9 On 7<sup>th</sup> April the PCC attended the Mini Mela event at Middlesbrough Football Club as part of a crime prevention roadshow. The event was aimed at promoting community cohesion. OPCC and Crime Prevention Staff attended to distribute free crime prevention advice and materials. Further crime prevention roadshows will take place throughout the summer period.
- 4.10 On 24<sup>th</sup> April the PCC hosted the Street Games Sport and Youth Justice Practitioner Day, which brought together criminal justice agencies and representatives from community sport to discuss the opportunities that exist to utilise sport and physical activity as a referral route for those young people at risk of offending or re-offending. The project is funded through the Police Transformation Fund and involves 25 PCC areas across England and Wales. A working group has been established to look at pilot areas to develop dedicated referral pathways.

- 4.11 On 30<sup>th</sup> April the PCC attended the PCSO pre employment programme celebration event, which marked the end of a four week programme for a group of people interested in becoming PCSOs. The innovative scheme, in partnership with Equality North East, Gateshead College and Job Centre Plus, saw participants learn how PCSOs work within the Force, while also covering topics such as ethics, communication skills, problem solving and customer service. The new recruitment initiative aims to encourage those who may not have traditionally considered a career in policing, as part of Cleveland Police's work to ensure that the workforce reflects the diverse communities the Police serve.
- 4.12 On 17<sup>th</sup> May the PCC attended an Equality Climb of Roseberry Topping, organised by the LGB&T charity Hart Gables to mark International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. The day saw representatives from OPCC, Police and partner agencies join members of the LGB&T community to undertake the climb and fly a rainbow flag from the top of Roseberry Topping to demonstrate their commitment to tackling prejudice against the LGB&T community across Cleveland.
- 4.13 On 22<sup>nd</sup> May the PCC attended a multi agency event which took place as part of Dementia Awareness event. The event involved Cleveland Police, OPCC, Alzheimers Society and numerous other partners from across the community safety and voluntary sector and focused on highlighting the work being done to make Cleveland a more Dementia Friendly area. The keynote speaker was Simon McDermott, better known as the 'Song a Minute man', whose inspirational videos detailing his father's struggle living with dementia have gone viral on You Tube. Cleveland Police are involved in several initiatives regarding dementia including dementia awareness training for front line staff, the Herbert Protocol for missing persons living with dementia and the Safe Haven scheme.
- 4.14 On 7<sup>th</sup> June the PCC, together with Middlesbrough FC, undertook the draw for the first Cleveland Police Junior World Cup Tournament. The event, organised by the new School Liaison Officers, sees primary schools from across Cleveland Police's Strengthen areas taking part in a football tournament as a means of promoting a healthier lifestyle whilst also tackling key issues with antisocial behaviour in the area and breaking down barriers between young people and the police. The draw decided which countries each of the fifteen schools taking part will represent at the tournament itself, which takes place in July.
- 4.15 On 7<sup>th</sup> June the PCC attended a multi agency visit to Eston Hills, organised by Cleveland Fire Brigade, to demonstrate the difficulties faced when tackling fires on the hills. All involved had a journey in the dedicated off road vehicle used to target fires in rural locations and saw first hand the damage caused by recent fire setting. The difficulties of transporting water to remote areas was evident. The visit also gave an opportunity to inspect the range of barriers put in place to obstruct off road access to the hills, funded through the PCC, Local Authority and Teesside University. The PCC chairs a multi agency group established specifically to tackle issues with fire setting and antisocial use of off road vehicles on Eston Hills.
- 4.16 On 19<sup>th</sup> June the PCC hosted an Away Day with OPCC staff and Cleveland Police Executive Team looking at developing the refreshed Police and Crime Plan, which

will be a joint strategic plan focusing on the areas of commitment for Cleveland Police and the PCC over the next four years.

- 4.17 On 22<sup>nd</sup> June the PCC attended a Refugee and Asylum Seeker (RAS) drop in as part of the range of activity taking place to mark Refugee Week. A number of events have been arranged across the Cleveland area, including several facilitated by Cleveland Police's Refugee and Asylum Seeker Coordinator through PCC funding. The aim of the week is to increase community cohesion between the RAS community and the resident local population and to highlight the difficulties faced by new arrivals to the area and the wide range of support available.

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

5.1 Meetings of note over the next few weeks include:

- Summer Crime Prevention Roadshows – 1<sup>st</sup> July, Stockton EID Fusion, 28<sup>th</sup> July, Cleveland Show, 11<sup>th</sup> August, Middlesbrough Mela, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Festival of Thrift
- Cleveland Police Junior World Cup Tournament – 11<sup>th</sup> July
- OPCC move to Community Safety Hub – 18<sup>th</sup> July

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