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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 with a brief update in relation to consultation and engagement activity of the PCC between March and June 2019.
- 1.2 Future engagement work of the PCC will also be summarised.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The PCC's consultation and engagement activities focus on increasing understanding of the policing and community safety needs of the communities of Cleveland, ensuring that strategic planning effectively delivers the policing service that communities require.
- 2.2 The work undertaken with the community supports all areas of the Police and Crime Plan but has a focus on 'Securing the Future of Our Communities.
- 2.3 The PCC attends a number of meetings on a regular basis with key partners, stakeholders and residents from across the Cleveland area.
- 2.4 In addition to this the PCC attends 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 visited on an annual basis. Since coming into office in November 2012 the PCC has attended over 660 community meetings allowing him to better understand the needs of local communities across Cleveland.
- 3.2 Speeding within residential areas is often highlighted as a key community concern at meetings which the PCC attends. Community Speed Watch aims to involve local communities in working together with the Police and partners to educate drivers. The Special Constabulary now have a dedicated team to undertake speed watch operations in communities across Cleveland, with training being rolled out to Neighbourhood Teams to allow them to also participate in speed watch operations. My office (sometimes referred to as the OPCC) is working with the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit and Cleveland Police to develop a coordinated approach to Speed Watch across Cleveland.
- 3.3 All of the issues raised at community meetings are raised with Cleveland Police 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 On 11th March the PCC attended the launch of the Empower Middlesbrough initiative which focuses on a number of key strands including Employment, Education, Health and Wellbeing, Environment, Strong and Supportive Communities and Changing Perceptions of Middlesbrough. The initiative links into the PCCs priorities around Securing the Future of Our Communities and Working Together to Make Cleveland Safer, with opportunities for jointly funded projects in key target areas in Middlesbrough.
- 4.3 On 24<sup>th</sup> March the PCC attended a community cohesion event at Jamia Mosque in Middlesbrough. #TeessideUnited was organised in the wake of the terrorist atrocities in Christchurch as a means of bringing the local community together to show solidarity in the face of prejudice. The PCC is currently conducting a series of visits to local mosques in conjunction with Cleveland Police to provide reassurance to the Muslim community across Cleveland.
- 4.4 On 29<sup>th</sup> April the PCC hosted a multi agency event focusing on sharing best practice around supporting refugees and asylum seekers. The event was also an introduction

to the new service providers, Mears and Migrant Help, who will be responsible for the housing of asylum seekers and the provision of advice and issue reporting through the new Home Office AASC (Asylum Accommodation & Support Contract) and AIRE (Advice and Issue Reporting) contracts, to ensure that they are linked into local services and aware of local issues and concerns from the outset. Key areas of discussion were the need for more joined up support provision and increased welcome orientations for new arrivals. The OPCC have been working with the Police and the North East Migration Partnership to develop pilot welcome sessions which cover a range of topics including familiarisation with UK law, support services available and hate crime awareness.

- 4.5 On 3<sup>rd</sup> May the PCC attended the joint Police and OPCC ROSE (Recognition Of Service Excellence) Awards, which are a new initiative to recognise the work of police officers, staff, partner agencies and the community in the area of community safety. There were 12 categories including Care and Compassion, Innovation and Problem Solving and Courage. The evening was an opportunity to recognise the commitment of individuals and teams across the whole Cleveland area.
- 4.6 On 8<sup>th</sup> May the PCC attended the local Staff Network Day (taking place as part of the National Staff Networks Day) which recognised the important role that staff networks play in supporting officers and staff. Through the Everyone Matters programme work is being undertaken to better support Cleveland Police's staff networks and ensure that they are given the opportunity to develop their work into the local community. One recent example of how the OPCC is developing the relationship with staff networks was including members of SAME (Support Association for Minority Ethnic Staff) in a meeting looking at how to sensitively deal with an emerging issue within the BAME community in a local area.
- 4.7 On 9<sup>th</sup> May the PCC attended a Home Office Regional Serious Violence event which was jointly supported by Cleveland, Durham and Northumbria Police. The Justice Minister attended the event, which had a key focus on developing the Cardiff Model health approach to tackling serious violence. The PCC has recently appointed a Tees Violence Prevention Project Manager to lead this work.
- 4.8 On 23<sup>rd</sup> May the PCC attended the launch of the Tees Valley Rural Action Group which aims to promote inclusion and equality by working towards improving the social, economic and environmental well being of rural communities within the Tees Valley. The PCC has worked jointly with TVRA and the PCC funded Rural Crime Prevention Office to develop a Rural Watch scheme across Cleveland.

#### **4 Future Meetings**

- 4.1 The following meetings of note are planned in the coming weeks:
  - 29<sup>th</sup> June – Blue Light walk raising awareness around mental health, Whitby to Saltburn
  - 10<sup>th</sup> July – Junior World Cup tournament for girls organised by School Liaison, Acklam Green Centre

- Community Safety Roadshows – South Bank Carnival (20 July), Hartlepool Waterfront Festival (21 July), Middlesbrough Mela (17/18 August), Coulby Newham Fun Day (8 September), Festival of Thrift (14/15 September)

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