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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 September and November 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 690 community meetings allowing him to better understand the needs of local communities across Cleveland.
- 3.2 During this reporting period the PCC has attended the following community meetings across Cleveland – Dent and Derwent Area Residents Association, Lockwood Neighbourhood Action Partnership, Bishop Cuthbert Residents Association, Central Estate Hartlepool Residents Association, Cobden Area Residents Association, Thornaby Town Council, Newtown Residents Meeting, North Billingham Residents Meeting, Seaton Carew Residents Meeting.
- 3.3 Motorbike and off road vehicle nuisance has been a common concern, particularly in the Billingham area. Operation Kickstart has been introduced across Stockton as a multi agency operation focusing on the antisocial and illegal use of motorbikes. This has involved Cleveland Police, Thirteen Housing, Trading Standards and the National Police Air Service, and has resulted in 50 bikes being seized and crushed. Feedback from the local community has been overwhelmingly supportive with residents feeling that their concerns have been taken on board and acted upon.
- 3.4 Drugs has also been a commonly raised concern by local residents. Through Operation Phoenix intelligence and analytical staff have responded to the threat of emerging Organised Crime Groups and their drug activity through planning and executing operations in conjunction with partners to target known addresses. This has been assisted by the re-introduction of police officers to Neighbourhood Teams with several high profile drugs seizures, which have sent a positive message to local communities.
- 3.5 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.
- 4.2 On 29th September the PCC attended a Middlesbrough Pop Up Pride event which was held in conjunction with Orange Pip Market, and part funded by the OPCC. The OPCC had a crime prevention stall at the event, in conjunction with the Cleveland Police LGB&T Network, offering crime prevention products and information, information on support services available for victims of crime and consulting members of the public on their views around local policing. There has not been a Pride event in Cleveland in the last few years and the event was very well supported by the local community and marked a positive step regarding community cohesion.

- 4.3 On 1st October the PCC attended an Older Road Users Event which was organised by the Strategic Road Safety Partnership following analysis which identified a concerning trend of road collisions involving senior road users, not just as drivers, but also as passengers and pedestrians. The STAGE (Safer Travel with Age) programme was developed and work with Age OK was undertaken to design this market stall event involving a range of organisations including Boots, doing eyesight and hearing tests, Highways England, discussing the changes in the strategic road network and Kwik Fit carrying out vehicle checks. Key messages of the event included:
- Being aware of changes to the road network
 - Understanding the impact of health issues on driving capability
 - Consideration of the impact of mobility issues on personal safety
 - The importance of self travel in maintaining independence and quality of life
- 4.4 On 8th October the PCC attended the Foundations Conference, 'We Talk, They Die', which focused on harm reduction in regards to drugs, with national and international experts as speakers. The outcome of the day from an OPCC perspective was to reaffirm commitment to the Heroin Assisted Treatment Pilot in Middlesbrough, which was launched the following day on 9th October. The pilot has been drawn up following extensive research and evidential study from home and abroad. It will focus on up to 15 of the most 'at risk' individuals within Middlesbrough, for whom all other treatment has failed and who are causing most concern to criminal justice agencies, as well as health and social care services. Under the programme, participants will visit a clinical facility twice a day where diamorphine (medical grade heroin) will be administered under supervision. With the need to constantly fund street heroin removed, individuals can then engage on a one-to-one basis at the clinic with various agencies including health, housing and welfare to get their lives back on track and return to mainstream society.
- 4.5 On 12th October the PCC attended the British Youth Convention North East conference, together with anti knife crime campaigner Theresa Cave, to discuss with the young people present the dangers of knife crime and what work can be undertaken with communities, in particular young people, to target this increasing issue. Young people had raised knife crime as a key concern following the awareness raising work undertaken through the Knife Angel visit to Middlesbrough over the summer period.
- 4.6 12th to 18th October marked national Hate Crime Awareness Week, with the PCC involved in a range of awareness ranging activities including a multi agency conference organised by Hart Gables and Cleveland Fire Brigade, a Mini Police hate crime session facilitated by OPCC funded School Liaison at Caedmon Primary School, involvement in the Show Racism the Red Card Wear Red Day event and also the launch of a new Stagecoach bus fleet featuring information on victim support agencies and police contact numbers. This forms part of a wider piece of work being coordinated by the OPCC with local bus companies and Restorative Cleveland focusing on hate crime awareness training for drivers, and increased support for passengers experiencing hate crime on public transport.

- 4.7 On 29th October the PCC and the Tees Violence Prevention Project Manager met with a pupil from Grangefield Academy to discuss plans for Youth Violence Mentors within schools through the Youth Violence Funding. Initial discussions have been supportive of commencing a pilot in Grangefield.
- 4.8 On 29th October the PCC attended Thornaby Town Council to discuss emerging issues with youth antisocial behaviour in the area. A follow up Joint Action Group meeting has been arranged, which the PCC will attend, to look at a partnership approach to tackling the issues.
- 4.9 On 30th October the PCC attended a young person's event organised by Safe In Tees Valley at MyPlace in Middlesbrough. The purpose of the evening was to divert young people from possible antisocial behaviour during the Mischief Night period as part of Operation Autumnus. The event involved a range of partners in a carousel-style format including victim support services, drug and alcohol services, sexual health services, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade and road safety.
- 4.10 On 4th November the PCC attended a multi agency meeting in Redcar and Cleveland to review the progress of a pilot scheme within Carlin How to address community safety issues and antisocial behaviour. The scheme has involved a Local Authority Environmental Health Officer being dedicated to the area for a time limited period to work intensively, in partnership with Cleveland Police and Beyond Housing, with vulnerable tenants, private landlords and those committing antisocial behaviour. There have been noticeable improvements during the scheme and options for further funding are being explored.

4 Future Meetings

- 4.1 The following meetings of note are planned in the coming weeks:
- 8th November – LGBT+ Regional Football Conference
 - 13th November - Launch of Cleveland Autism Association Awareness Champions
 - 18th November – Tees Rural Crime Forum
 - 18th November – Philomena Protocol multi agency meeting
 - 21st November – Fraud Awareness Week drop in session, 25k Centre, Redcar

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