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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 December 2019 and January 2020.
- 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 710 community meetings allowing him to better understand the needs of local communities across Cleveland.
- 3.2 Motorbike and off road vehicle nuisance remains a common concern, this was recently raised in Grangetown and Hartlepool. Operation Endurance continues to run across Cleveland, with a focus on antisocial and illegal off road activity. The PCC has supported the introduction of a drone capacity within Cleveland – three drones are now available for use in targeted operations and it is anticipated that their use will assist in tracking off road vehicle being used irresponsibly. Work is ongoing to engage with local communities to encourage intelligence sharing, with an article being produced for the Local Authority magazine in Hartlepool.
- 3.3 Speeding is also a key concern for local residents. The Special Constabulary have a designated speeding unit, who deploy in areas highlighted by the community and by operational activity. In addition to this Neighbourhood PCSOs across all four Local Authority areas have now been trained to deliver Community Speed Watch in conjunction with the local community.
- 3.4 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 10<sup>th</sup> December the PCC hosted an open screening of Rattlesnake, a critically acclaimed play by North East theatre company Open Clasp, which focuses on coercive and controlling behaviour. The production has been funded to be delivered to front line staff through the Whole System Approach to Domestic Abuse project, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with 98% of attendees reporting improved knowledge of coercive control.
- 4.3 On 10<sup>th</sup> December the PCC met with representatives from the Stockton Youth Assembly, Bright Minds Big Futures, to discuss young people's community safety concerns. The key area highlighted was serious violence, with BMBF agreeing to promote the OPCC survey on serious violence with young people in their area. Other activity agreed at the meeting included young people's input to autism awareness work ongoing within Cleveland Police and a young person audit of Stockton Police Office front desk which is hoped will lead to the BMBF developed kitemark for young person friendly organisations.

- 4.4 On 10<sup>th</sup> December the PCC attended a follow up meeting in Thornaby to discuss concerns regarding youth antisocial behaviour. Representatives from Cleveland Police and Thirteen Housing also attended. Residents felt that the situation had improved since a previous meeting but that more work was still needed by agencies to tackle the issues. A number of acceptable behaviour forms had been issued to the young people concerned which had led to marked improvements in the behaviour of most, with a core few now being engaged with through the Council's ASB Team and Youth Offending triage, which is funded by the OPCC.
- 4.5 On 13<sup>th</sup> December the PCC attended the Anti Slavery Network meeting, which he established to ensure better information sharing between agencies dealing with victims of trafficking and slavery to ensure more effective support. The group have been working on mapping the Victim Care Pathway. This piece of work is now complete and will be shared at the National Police Transformation Modern Slavery Event in February.
- 4.6 On 17<sup>th</sup> December the PCC chaired the Local Criminal Justice Partnership which he has previously co-chaired with Durham PCC Ron Hogg, who sadly passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The meeting went ahead in tribute to Ron and the work he undertook within the arena of criminal justice and community safety. One of the key areas of discussion was probation reform, with the appointment of a North East Regional Director in Spring 2020.
- 4.7 On 18<sup>th</sup> December the PCC attended the Stockton Health and Wellbeing Board to give a presentation regarding the Heroin Assisted Treatment (HAT) pilot currently operating within Middlesbrough. Agreement was obtained to explore the use of HAT within Stockton. There has been considerable interest both within the local media and the local community regarding the HAT pilot, which is the first of its kind in the country.
- 4.8 On 19<sup>th</sup> December the PCC attended a meeting of the Big Local project in Dyke House. Areas of interest included the OPCC work around serious violence and the fraud work undertaken by the OPCC funded Victim Care and Advice Service. The project will engage with the serious violence conference planned for 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- 4.9 On 9<sup>th</sup> January the PCC attended the Hartlepool Audit and Governance Committee scrutiny into agency response to ASB. Areas of focus included the introduction of online reporting through the Cleveland Police website, which it is hoped will encourage reporting, work to better promote the Council's ASB number and partnership working to enhance community knowledge regarding Community Trigger.
- 4.10 On 14<sup>th</sup> January the PCC chaired the Cleveland Strategic Hate Crime and Incidents meeting. Key areas of development include the introduction of a Cleveland Police Engagement Team to engage proactively with diverse communities across Cleveland and a Hate Crime Champions programme in pilot schools to encourage pupils to

report incidents happening outside school with receive support from teaching staff to report these to the Police and Local Authority for action.

- 4.11 On 15<sup>th</sup> January the PCC had a meeting with HALO to discuss a Home Office funded project to develop a community intelligence COBRA network to assist the police in engaging with diverse communities regarding critical incidents and key issues. A further development day is planned in February.

#### **4 Future Meetings**

- 4.1 The following meetings of note are planned in the coming weeks:
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – Serious Violence Conference - Hartlepool
  - 17<sup>th</sup> February – Tees Rural Crime Forum – Community Safety Hub
  - 19<sup>th</sup> February – North East Sex Workers Learning Forum – Middlesbrough

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