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## **Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner to the Chair and Members of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel**

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### **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S SCRUTINY PROGRAMME**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide members of the Police and Crime Panel with an update on the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) scrutiny programme.

#### **Background Information**

2. Holding the Chief Constable to account is the key duty of the Police & Crime Commissioner and must encompass all the functions of the Chief Constable and functions of those who are under the Chief Constable's direction and control.
3. The PCC has established a range of scrutiny approaches to engage with the Chief Constable and hold Cleveland Police to account. These take place on a daily, weekly and monthly schedule – both formally and informally and include a range of meetings, data and feedback from partners and the public.
4. Developments are taking place on how Scrutiny Meetings will be publicised which will include, amongst other things, short videos before and after the meetings to demonstrate what scrutiny has taken place, what the PCC has been told by the Force and what the next steps are. Work is also taking place to ensure that front line officers' views are taken into account in the scrutiny process.

#### **The Scrutiny Programme**

5. The PCC's scrutiny programme, which challenges Cleveland Police in a firm but fair way, is developing apace. Since the last Police and Crime Panel the PCC has held 2 formal scrutiny meetings which were held on 29 September and 14 October.

## 29 September 2021 – Victims

6. The PCC sought assurance on how the Force were responding to the needs of victims in respect of Neighbourhood Crime.
7. The PCC put the following questions to the Force
  - a. **Neighbourhood Crime** - How can the force demonstrate they are effectively meeting the needs of victims and responding effectively? (to include criminal damage, burglary, shoplifting, anti-social behaviour)
  - b. **Resolution without Deployment** -How confident are the Force that they are providing a good service for those people who report crime where it is resolved without deployment?
  - c. The Crime Assessment and Allocation Framework (CAAF) review mentions that both victims and members of the public benefit as resources are allocated proportionately and that it doesn't give victims false hope, as it's explained why a crime is not appropriate for further investigation. What does the Force understand about the public's view on this practice?
  - d. Has any consideration been given to the benefits of providing an online face-to-face 'consultation' for people reporting crime?
8. Based on the information provided from the Force the PCC was only **partly assured** and opted to consider a copy of the victims needs assessments and keep abreast of the work taking place within the Force on future technological developments.

## 14 October 2021 – Crime Statistics

9. The PCC sought information on Crime Statistics in order to fully understand the picture and the impact on people in Cleveland. As such, the following questions were put to the force
  - a. The PCC would like a high-level briefing in order to understand the current levels of recorded crime and their outcomes, across all crime types in Cleveland.
  - b. The PCC would also like to understand how Cleveland Police compares with its most similar forces (MSFs) and nationally in respect of those crime rates.
  - c. The PCC would like information on what the Force strategy is in respect of improving outcome rates and reducing crime.
  - d. The PCC would like high level data on how much information is received from Crimestoppers and how much of that information goes on to provide a successful outcome, If it is possible to compare this information with MSFs and nationally that would be useful.
10. The PCC was **assured** by the information that was presented and noted the contextual information provided, he was very assured that the Force was doing the right thing despite the very difficult context.
11. Details of each scrutiny meeting are held in order to record if the PCC was assured or otherwise by the Force's response. Where further assurances are required, additional information will be required by the Force at future meetings.

12. The next scrutiny meeting will take place on 3 November and will include questions on Police Legitimacy and the Violence Against Women and Girls agenda.

### **Finance**

13. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **Risk**

14. There are no risk implications arising from this report.

### **Diversity and Equal Opportunities**

15. There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

### **Recommendations**

16. That this report is noted.

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