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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 November 2018 and February 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 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 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 615 community meetings allowing him to better understand the needs of local communities across Cleveland.
- 3.2 Since coming into office the PCC has been very aware of the particular issues faced by communities in the rural fringes of Cleveland. In order to tackle this the PCC established the Tees Rural Crime Forum, which he chairs, and which is attended by the Police, partner agencies and rural community members and landowners. OPCC funding also provides a dedicated Rural Crime Prevention Officer. In addition to this there is a task force of Rural Volunteers and Special Constables. On 7th January a meeting was held with rural landowners and farmers to discuss ongoing concerns regarding rural crime and the police response to rural issues. As a result of this a number of actions were agreed:
- Enhanced training for Control Room staff to ensure that they fully appreciate the impact of rural crime and ensure an appropriate level of response to reported issues.
 - Work to improve the joint working with neighbouring Forces covering cross border crime.
 - Improved communications around key contacts within the Police for rural communities.
 - Follow up meeting to be held with rural community members in six months time to assess progress.
- 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.
- 4.2 On 8th November Cleveland Police took part in the 20th Operation Checkpoint to mark National Rural Crime Day of Action. Aimed at targeting criminals who use the road networks to commit crime in rural areas, Checkpoint aims to gather intelligence on cross-border offenders, as well as provide high-visibility reassurance to local communities, and prevent and disrupt criminal activity through intelligence-led patrols and the use of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) network. More than 30 officers and volunteers came together to take part, with the PCC present at the operational briefing at the start of the evening. During the operation, several vehicles were seized for having no insurance, a vehicle was seized after it failed to stop for police, a fixed penalty was issued for a speeding offence and a number of speed checks were also carried out.

- 4.3 On 16th November the PCC hosted the official opening of the Community Safety Hub building, with pupils from Viewley Hill Primary School joining the PCC and Chief Constable to cut the ribbon on the multi-million pound premises – which is the epicentre for operational policing and community safety in Cleveland. Transition to the new facility has gone very well and work is now underway to put together the benefit realisation document to fully analyse the outcomes and benefits that the project has achieved.
- 4.4 20th November marked International Transgender Day of Remembrance, which is an annual event to remember those within the transgender community who have lost their lives due to their gender identity. Stockton based organisation Trans Aware coordinated a full programme of events at Stockton Arc which the PCC and OPCC staff attended. These included the launch of the Tees Valley Transgender Forum, a Trans Awareness training session for frontline staff and partnership agencies and a memorial event. The Commissioner’s Officer for Consultation and Engagement also attended to distribute information and advice regarding crime prevention and hate crime reporting. Transgender hate crime remains by far the least reported strand of hate crime and the OPCC, Police and VCAS work closely with LGB&T organisations such as Trans Aware and Hart Gables to encourage reporting and ensure appropriate support for victims.
- 4.5 On 23rd November the PCC hosted the official launch of the Restorative Cleveland service which he commissioned. Restorative Cleveland is a dedicated restorative justice service responsible for ensuring that victims have the right to take part in a restorative intervention should they wish. Since it started in April 2018 the service has been awarded the prestigious Restorative Service Quality Mark and has dealt with over seventy cases – eight of which resulted in face-to-face meetings between the victim and the offender. The PCC remains committed to ensuring that, where appropriate, all victims have access to restorative practice and the benefits that it has been proven to achieve.
- 4.6 On 23rd January the PCC hosted a multi agency event, in conjunction with the Independent Commissioner for Counter Extremism, Sara Khan, to discuss responses, experiences, views and concerns locally in the countering extremism space in order to put together a cross Cleveland response to the Independent Commission for Countering Extremism’s call for evidence, which aims to improve understanding of extremism and its impact on individuals, communities and wider society. The call for evidence asks for information on five themes:
- public understanding of extremism
 - the scale of extremism
 - extremists’ objectives and tactics
 - harms caused by extremism
 - the current response to extremism

The event was attended by members of the Strategic CONTEST Group, together with members of the Force’s Independent Advisory Groups.

4 Future Meetings

4.1 The following meetings of note are planned in the coming weeks:

- 6th February – Official Opening of Thornaby Fire Station – the Police are now co located in this building with the Fire Service to maximise efficiency and budget reductions
- 6th March – Cleveland Strategic Hate Crime and Incidents Group – multi agency meeting chaired by PCC
- 15th March – Cleveland Anti Slavery Network – commissioned by PCC to improve multi agency working and information sharing regarding modern day slavery and trafficking

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