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CUMBRIA POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CONFERENCE

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Public Accountability Conference will take place on **Wednesday 14th June** in Conference Room **2**, Police Headquarters, Carleton Hall, Penrith, at **10:00 am**.

The purpose of the Conference is to enable the Police and Crime Commissioner to hold the Chief Constable to account for operational performance.

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Chief Executive

Attendees:

Police & Crime Commissioner - Mr Peter McCall (Chair)
OPCC Chief Executive - Mr Stuart Edwards
OPCC Chief Finance Officer - Mrs Ruth Hunter
Chief Constable - Mr Jerry Graham

AGENDA

PART 1 – ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

An opportunity (not exceeding 20 minutes) to deal with any questions which have been provided in writing within at least three clear working days before the meeting date to the Chief Executive.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Attendees are invited to disclose any personal/prejudicial interest which they may have in any of the items on the Agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, then the individual should not participate in a discussion of the matter and must withdraw from the room unless a dispensation has previously been obtained.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

To receive and approve the minutes of the Public Accountability Conference held on the 5th April 2017 (copy enclosed)

5. END OF YEAR 2016/17 PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION

To receive a presentation from the Constabulary concerning the increase/decrease in crime offences for the year ending March 2017 The report will include any identified trends and reasons for the increase or decrease in particular crime types and any actions taken by the Constabulary to address these issues.

6. SEXUAL OFFENCES

To receive a presentation from the Constabulary around how the force effectively investigates sexual offences. The presentation will provide an overview of sexual offences in Cumbria, current detection rates for sexual offences, level of increase/decrease in sexual offending and any actions taken by the Constabulary to increase confidence in victims to report to police.

7. OFFENDING & SERIOUS CRIME

To receive a presentation concerning how the Constabulary addresses the issue of tackling crime and serious offending including update on level and types of serious and organised crime impacting on our county. Update on level of dangerous and sexual offenders currently under management within our county, what actions and interventions is the Integrated Offender Management unit undertaking to minimise risk of re-offending.

8. ETHICS & INTEGRITY PANEL REPORT

To receive and note a report from the Ethics & Integrity Panel

**CUMBRIA POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CONFERENCE**

Minutes of the Public Accountability Conference held on
Wednesday 5th April 2017 in Conference Room 3, Police Headquarters,
Carleton Hall, Penrith, at 10.30am

PRESENT

Police & Crime Commissioner - Mr Peter McCall (Chair)

Also present:

Deputy Chief Constable (Michelle Skeer)
T/Assistant Chief Constable (Sean Robinson)
Detective Chief Superintendent (Andy Slattery)
Constabulary Chief Finance Officer (Roger Marshall)
T/Superintendent (Gordon Rutherford)
Constabulary Marketing & Communications Manager (Helen Lacey)
OPCC Chief Executive (Stuart Edwards)
OPCC Head of Communications and Business Services (Gill Shearer)
OPCC Head of Partnerships & Commissioning (Vivian Stafford)
OPCC Assistant Policy Officer (Jo Woof)
OPCC Executive Support Officer (Paula Coulter) – taking minutes

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

049. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Constable (Mr Jerry Graham); and the
OPCC Chief Finance Officer (Mrs Ruth Hunter);

050. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of any personal interest relating to any item on the Agenda.

051. MINUTES

The Chair presented the minutes of the Budget Setting Meeting held on the 22nd February 2017 and of the Public Accountability Conference also held on 22nd February 2017 which had previously been circulated with the agenda. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED, that, the

- (i) Minutes of the Budget Setting Meeting held on 22nd February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair; and
- (ii) Minutes of the Public Accountability Conference also held on 22nd February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair;

052. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions had been received from members of the public prior to the meeting.

053. PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK – Q3 UPDATE

T/ACC Robinson gave a presentation, the purpose of which was to present to the Commissioner the Constabulary's performance for the 12 months to December 2016 as agreed in the Police and Crime Plan Accountability Framework, and in addition to provide statistical estimates for crime levels at the end for this year (2016 – 17) where appropriate and information about user satisfaction performance.

It was noted that the category for All Crime has remained static, while other forces had seen an increase. There is a piece of work ongoing that is looking at why Cumbria is different to other forces.

In the violence against the person category, almost 34% are Domestic Abuse related. This is seen as positive as increased reporting has been positively encouraged. Historic cases (operation Tweed) had also contributed to the increase.

While there had been a small increase in the theft category, burglary had seen a fall. Despite media campaigns, 25% of burglary cases were due to insecure premises – doors left open etc.

Patterns & trends are monitored & interventions put in place accordingly.

The CRASH group sits at County level and scrutinizes road collisions. Targets are set externally and a number of operations are ongoing – eg Bike Safe.

The use of mobile phones in vehicles was discussed, and it was noted that following on from the new legislation 33 tickets had been issued in relation to mobile phone use.

Domestic Abuse had seen a small increase, and is at the heart of vulnerability. There is a partnership approach to support victims – the average length of an abusive relationship is 5 years.

Early intervention can nip DA in the bud and help to change behaviour, and there is a perpetrator programme funded by the PCC in the county to help achieve this.

Body cam is a very useful tool and is used by Officers to record evidence – there is an 85% conviction rate.

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

RESOLVED, that,

- (i) the presentation be noted;

054. THEMATIC PRESENTATION – ONLINE CRIME (CYBER CRIME)

Detective Chief Superintendent Slattery gave a presentation in relation to Online Crime (Cyber Crime).

The purpose of the presentation was to assure the Commissioner that the Constabulary is seeking to address the issue of cyber and online crimes. The internet and its development brings opportunities, but also new and changing threats for crime and criminals, whether for individuals or for businesses and looked in detail at the following areas:-

- Cyber Strategy
- Cyber Dependent/Enabled
- Child Sexual Exploitation/Online Grooming
- The current level and volume of exhibits and investigations impacting on the High-Tech Crime Unit
- The level and types of cyber and economic crime impacting on our county from serious and organised crime groups

It was noted that:-

- In 2016 Cumbria investigated 675 Cyber enabled crimes
- Harassment had consistently been the highest offence type - 44% of all cyber crime since April 2015 when recording began
- The second highest cyber crimes refer to cyber related obscene publications/indecent images – 19%
- 68% of all cyber crimes since April 2015 have involved some form of social media
- 34% of the cyber crime victims were under the age of 18 and 43% were female

It was noted that the Constabulary are currently dealing with 28 long term investigations, the nature of which take a long time & a lot of resource.

Action Fraud deal with fraud cases, making an assessment as to which Force is best to deal with the case, and to look at any emerging patterns. It was noted that there were 110 Action Fraud reports relating to Cumbria.

Malware & ransomware were discussed. Preventative measures can be taken.

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

RESOLVED, that,

- (i) the presentation be noted;

055. THEMATIC PRESENTATION – ENSURE OFFENDERS FACE A CONSEQUENCE FOR THEIR CRIME

T/Superintendent Rutherford gave a presentation which covered the following areas in detail:-

- Community Remedy & Restorative Justice
- Positive Outcomes
- Conviction Rates
- Stop & Search

The Constabulary has sought to increase public awareness of Restorative Justice especially among victims, using the following methods:-

- Force Approach
- Victims First Document
- Community Remedy Work

- Training
- Website

It was noted that the Victims First document is accessible on the website, as well as being given out in hard copy format to victims.

The numbers for Restorative Justice are relatively low. To address this the Constabulary has issued guidance; is looking at supervisor training; is subject to weekly reviews; and working in conjunction with the OPCC. The BIU also has a role to play in terms of compliance & checking. Training awareness & dip sampling is scheduled to take place in June 2017 (using the same methodology as modern slavery to provide re-assurance). National Standards re-affirm training and guidance.

Staff from Remedi attend officer training to raise awareness of RJ – it is acknowledged that this is a partnership issue, not just a policing issue.

Cautions are not an able available option for repeat offenders.

It was noted that Cumbria is placed 9th best in the country for out of court disposals, which is above the national average, with an upward trend. 16% of repeat offenders are given an out of court disposal, with gravity matrix standards applied. T/Superintendent Rutherford re-assured the Commissioner that the issue is taken very seriously.

National CPS & Courts data show that Cumbria is placed 1st in the Country for conviction rates at Magistrates Court. This has been measured since 2005 and Cumbria has always been placed in the top 5. The picture also translates across for Crown Court.

A more targeted approach has been applied to Stop & Search, and gives re-assurance that this intrusive power is used appropriately.

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

RESOLVED, that,
(i) the report be noted;

056. ETHICS & INTEGRITY PANEL ANNUAL REPORT

The OPCC Chief Executive presented the Ethics & Integrity Panel annual report. The purpose of the Ethics & Integrity Panel is to promote and influence high standards of professional ethics in all aspects of policing and to challenge; encourage and support the Commissioner and the Chief Constable in their work in monitoring and dealing with issues of ethics and integrity in their organizations.

The Panel considers questions of ethics and integrity within both organizations and provides strategic advice and support in relation to such issues.

The Panel meet on a quarterly basis, and in the last quarter considered the following items:-

- Civil Claims
- Police Staff Misconduct
- Integrity – Complaints by the Public
- Integrity – Anti-Fraud & Corruption
- Thematic Review – Kendal Calling
- OPCC Complaints & QSPI's

The future work of the Panel was discussed and it was noted that the Panel would initially consider Special Constabulary Recruitment and the Use of Taser with others being presented when required. These areas will be added to the Panel's Annual Work Programme for 2017.

Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.

RESOLVED, that,

- (i) the report be noted;

057. AOB / VERBAL UPDATE - BUDGET

The Constabulary Chief Finance Officer gave a verbal update on the budget & it was noted that the overall overspend is between £100k - £200k which is good news going into the PFF debate.

The Commissioner thanked everyone for their contribution.

Meeting ended at 12.30pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____