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**Media Release: PCC Response to HMICFRS PEEL Efficiency Report**

Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall welcomes the HMICFRS PEEL report into police efficiency.

As part of its annual PEEL inspection, HMICFRS’s Efficiency programme assessed how a force maximises the outcomes from its available resources. HMICFRS reviewed both the financial and workforce planning of police forces whilst examining wider questions of cost, capacity and capability. The report considers how efficient the police are at keeping people safe and reducing crime.

Commenting on the results of the inspection, Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall said:

 “I am really pleased with the HMICFRS assessment of Cumbria Constabulary who have been judged to be ‘good’ in three key areas: its understanding of demand; its use of resources to manage demand is assessed to be good; and its planning for future demand is also judged to be good. This is a great achievement and I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to keep Cumbria the safe place it is.

“I believe that the Report is a true reflection of the hard work that has gone into not only maintaining the high standards recognised in last year’s inspection, but also in the significant progress that has been made in a number of areas. For instance, the Force now has a much better understanding of ‘demand’, and this knowledge is being used to make sound evidence-based decisions about how to allocate its resources and provide its services.

“Going forward, I will continue to hold the Constabulary to account in all areas of their performance at my regular Public Accountability Conferences, whilst acknowledging the hard work and commitment demonstrated by staff across all areas of the organisation.”

Deputy Chief Constable Michelle Skeer, Cumbria Constabulary, said:

“We welcome the positive findings from the latest HMICFRS report into police efficiency. We are naturally very pleased to be graded as ’Good’ for understanding demand, on how well we use our resources and how well we are planning for the future.

“Over the past twelve months we have explored innovative ways in which to improve our efficiency and ensure that we are effectively managing the skills and capabilities of our talented and committed workforce.

“We pride ourselves on being a forward-thinking organisation that has proven systems in place to understand our future demand. By increasing our knowledge on the challenges we may face we ensure that we have robust contingencies to deal with them.

“As positive as this report is we are far from complacent. We will continue to explore ways in which we can further improve our service to the public.

“What these findings highlight is the hard work, flexibility and dedication of our officers, staff and volunteers who are committed to keeping people safe.”

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