

TITLE OF REPORT: 'Your Northumbria' – Update from Northumbria Police

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Summary

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee will be presented with an overview of the 'Your Northumbria' and 'Fix My Street' applications that have been rolled out in Gateshead to help maximise the engagement and interaction of police and Council with residents and communities.

1 Background

- 1.1 As a reminder, 'Your Northumbria' is a free community messaging system that allows residents to receive crime and disorder notifications and community news happening in their local neighbourhood. The system allows residents to decide when and how they are kept informed about the issues that matter and choose different how to receive alerts (e.g. by phone, email, text message or mobile). It also allows residents to receive bespoke messages based on their location and provides details of incidents that are currently or has occurred in the immediate area (e.g. messages detailing descriptions of missing persons, witnesses and crime prevention advice). The system is used successfully in other localities and sign-up across Northumbria has been positive.
- 1.2 At its meeting in March 2018, Committee requested that Northumbria Police attend and provide an overview of the 'Your Northumbria' system and how it is being used within Gateshead to support public confidence and reassurance.

2 Presentation

- 2.1 The presentation will provide Committee with:
- an overview of the 'Your Northumbria' system;
 - an increased awareness of the application and details of how to sign-up to be involved;
 - examples of how the application has been used to support police activity and increase public engagement.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 Committee are asked to:
- (i) Note the contents of the presentation/report;
 - (ii) Comment on and scrutinise the approaches undertaken;