



## **NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**6 June 2023**

### **PRESENT:**

<b>Gateshead Council</b>	Councillors A Douglas and P Maughan
<b>North Tyneside Council</b>	Councillors C Burdis and T Mulvenna
<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	Councillor C Horncastle
<b>South Tyneside Council</b>	Councillor J Welsh
<b>Sunderland City Council</b>	Councillor S Laws
<b>Independent Members</b>	Mr J Klajn and Mr K Kundi

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria**

K McGuinness	- Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria (PCC)
R Durham	- Chief of Staff
A Pearson	- Director of Planning and Delivery
K Laing	- Chief Finance Officer
S Hume	- Director of Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit

#### **Gateshead Council**

A Simmons-Mather	- Representing the Clerk to the Panel
B Wilson	- Democratic Services

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J Sathian (Newcastle City Council), G Stewart (Northumberland County Council), E Gibson (South Tyneside Council) and P Stewart and C Rowntree (Sunderland City Council)

### **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED - That Councillor Douglas and Councillor P Stewart be appointed as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel for 2023/24 respectively.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL**

The Membership of the Panel for 2023/24 is as follows:

Gateshead	Councillors Angela Douglas and Peter Maughan
Newcastle	Councillors Juna Sathian and Karen Robinson
North Tyneside	Councillors Carole Burdis and Tommy Mulvenna
Northumberland	Councillors Colin Horncastle and Gordon Stewart
South Tyneside	Councillors Ernest Gibson and Joyce Welsh
Sunderland	Councillors Claire Rowntree and Paul Stewart
Independent Members	Mr Jonathan Klajn and Mr Kami Kundi

RESOLVED - That the Membership of the Panel for 2023/24 be noted

### **3. MINUTES**

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### **4. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The Panel's draft annual work programme for 2023/24 was submitted.

RESOLVED - That the 2023/24 work programme be approved.

### **5. FEEDBACK FROM NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS**

There were no national and regional events reported.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

### **6. COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER – ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023**

In accordance with the agreed procedure, an update report about the complaints and purported complaints against the PCC and every conduct matter recorded by the Monitoring Officer between April 2022 and March 2023 was submitted.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

### **7. DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – PREVENTING CRIME**

The PCC submitted a thematic report on preventing crime setting out the aims to support this core theme and updates on the work being undertaken in regard to the two priorities in relation to preventing violent crime and neighbourhood policing. Northumbria Police and Crime Plan core performance data was also provided.

The PCC reported that the Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit had delivered 340 knife crime awareness sessions to over 9,000 young people in school and community settings in 2022/23. Anti-social behaviour had reduced by 16.9% following the targeted activity through the Seasonal Violence fund and the PCC thanked the constituent Councils for their support. The Government was using its levelling up funding to provide limited extra funding for anti-social behaviour. Whilst this was welcome, community organisations were under incredible pressure with a significant increase in service users and they needed more support to be provided.

The PCC had submitted a bid for £1m to keep people safe on the public transport system.

Steven Hume, Director of the Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit, gave a presentation on preventing crime and the role and work of the unit.

**The Panel raised the following issues:-**

It was asked how the targeted approach in regard to carrying a knife was undertaken. It was replied that the police targeting of areas of risk was intelligence lead based on incidents rather than the profiling of individuals.

Incidents would have to be reported to provide the intelligence and it was asked if artificial intelligence (AI) was used in the processing of the data. It was replied that data from all organisations was used including community links and intelligence to give the wider picture to develop the targeted areas. AI may be used in the future.

The community information relates to different communities, including the business community, who should be contacted to raise awareness and support to address any issues. It was replied that effective engagement and interaction with communities and how this can be improved was being looked at. This could also affect community confidence in the police and they need to ensure that the police are there to give support and tackle crime issues.

Mental health issues may affect young people and make them vulnerable to be drawn into criminal activity eg county lines. A better understanding of the risks where this may occur is required working with all organisations to identify vulnerability and safeguarding issues. Support in the community with better youth services and mental health provision was needed.

Cyber crime can impact on the mental health of certain age groups who fall victim to it. The PCC considered that this was a national issue. This was covered in the Police and Crime Plan under the fighting crime priority which would be presented at the next Panel meeting. People of all ages needed to be made aware of cyber crime issues and support was given to victims of these crimes.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the information be noted.
  - (ii) That the Panel Members be sent the reports referred to in the presentation.

**8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Panel will be held on Tuesday, 25 July 2023 at 2.00pm