



NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL AGENDA

Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 2.00pm in the Bridges Room, Gateshead Civic Centre

From the Clerk, Sheena Ramsey

Item	Business
1.	Appointment of Independent Members (Pages 3 - 4) Report of the Clerk (attached).
2.	Apologies
3.	Northumbria Police Operational Overview Presentation by Jayne Meir, Deputy Chief Constable of Northumbria Police.
4.	Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan - Performance Data Report (Pages 5 - 14) Report of the PCC (attached).
5.	Minutes (Pages 15 - 18) The Panel is asked to approve the Minutes of the last meeting held on 6 February 2024 (attached).
6.	Feedback from National and Regional Events Members are asked to give feedback on issues relevant to the Panel.
7.	Complaints Against the Police and Crime Commissioner - October 2023 - February 2024 (Pages 19 - 20) Report of the Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer (attached).
8.	Date and Time of the Next Meeting Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 2.00pm in Gateshead Civic Centre

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NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

PANEL MEETING ON 19 MARCH 2024

SUBJECT – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE PANEL

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Panel is asked to consider the recommendations of the Appointment Panel for the appointment of the Panel's two Independent Members.

2. Background

- 2.1 The terms of office of the Panel's current Independent Members comes to an end in May 2024.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 In accordance with Minute 29 – 2023/24, the constituent Councils were asked to place the advert for the appointment of the Panel's Independent Members on their websites and to circulate the advert to relevant partners, organisations and individuals who might be interested in applying for the position.
- 3.2 Three expressions of interest were received and two applications were submitted.
- 3.3 The Appointment Panel has considered the applications received in accordance with the appointment process.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Police and Crime Panel be recommended to confirm the appointment of Jonathan Klajn and Kami Kundi as Independent Members of the Panel until the PCC elections in May 2028.

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NORTHUMBRIA OPCC PERFORMANCE DATA

FEBRUARY 2024

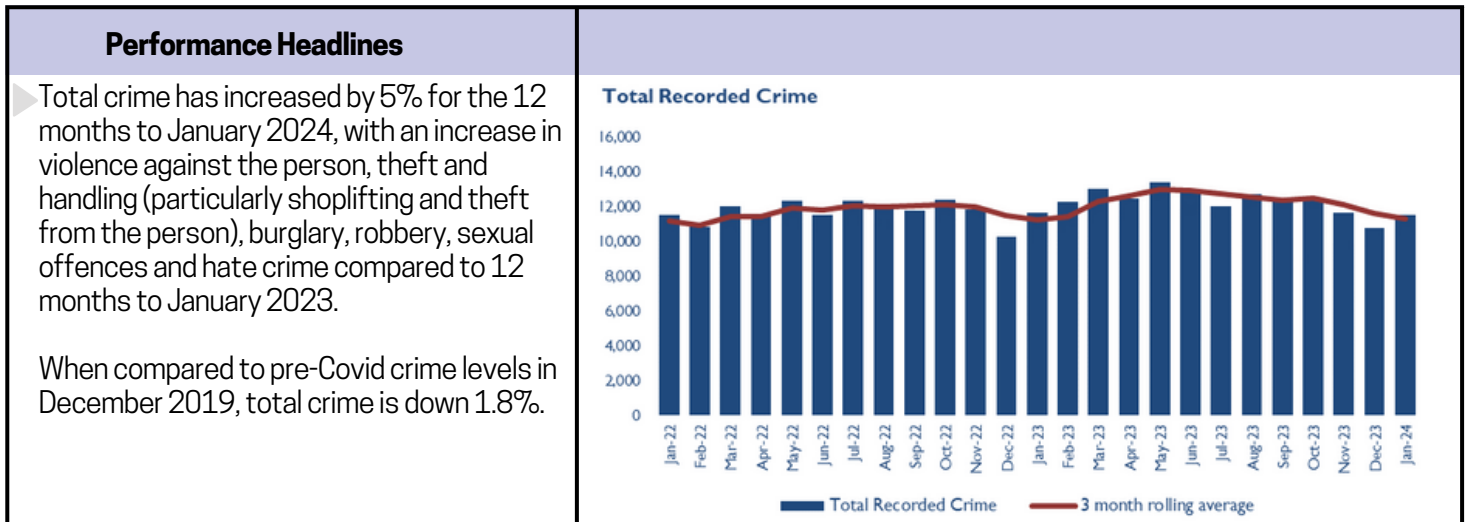




CORE PERFORMANCE DATA

FIGHTING CRIME

Total Recorded Crime (Panel KPI)



Total Recorded Crime by Local Authority

	*12 months to Dec 2019	12 months to January 2023	12 months to January 2024	% change 23 v 24	% change 19 vs 24
Total	149,753	140,172	147,012	5%	-2%
Sunderland	31,405	28,595	29,848	4%	-5%
South Tyneside	15,624	14,195	16,109	13%	3%
Gateshead	20,256	18,987	19,718	4%	-3%
North Tyneside	19,821	17,678	18,140	3%	-8%
Newcastle	38,183	36,437	38,145	5%	0%
Northumberland	24,464	24,280	25,052	3%	2%

* nationally agreed baseline for the Government's Beating Crime Plan

Anti-social behaviour incidents

Performance Headlines

- Looking at February 2024 compared to February 2023. There has been a 17.8% reduction in ASB incidents . 2,631 incidents in Feb 2024 vs 3,202 in Feb 2023.

Motorbike disorder and ASB on the transport network continue to be key areas of focus. The Force have launched Operation Capio to target motorbike and electric bike enabled crime and ASB. Partnership operations (Op Impact and Neighbourhood Week of Action) have recently been utilised to tackle the issue with a view to reducing incidents and increasing public confidence. A new motorbike ASB dedicated task force has been implemented within Southern Area Command which is a hotspot location. The Force has also invested in drone and stinger capability which will increase proactive options to tackle offences.

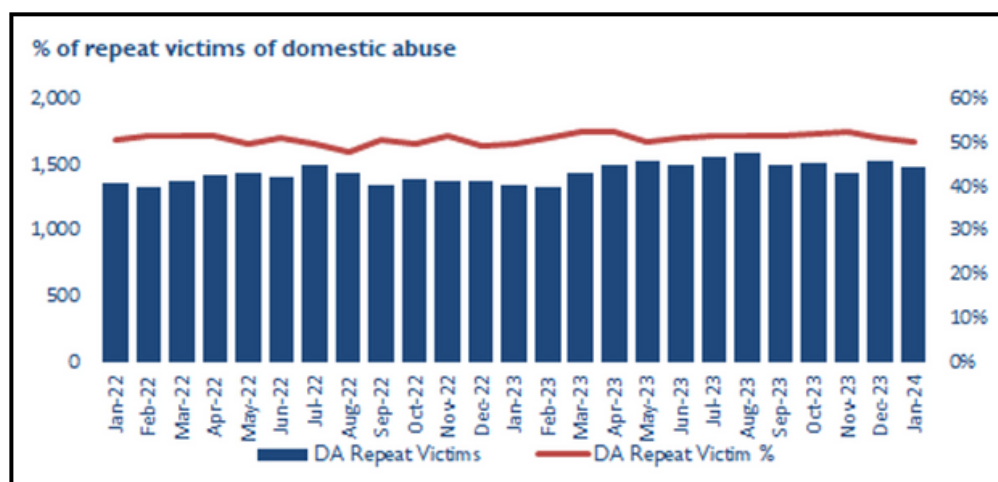
Anti-social behaviour satisfaction

Performance Headlines

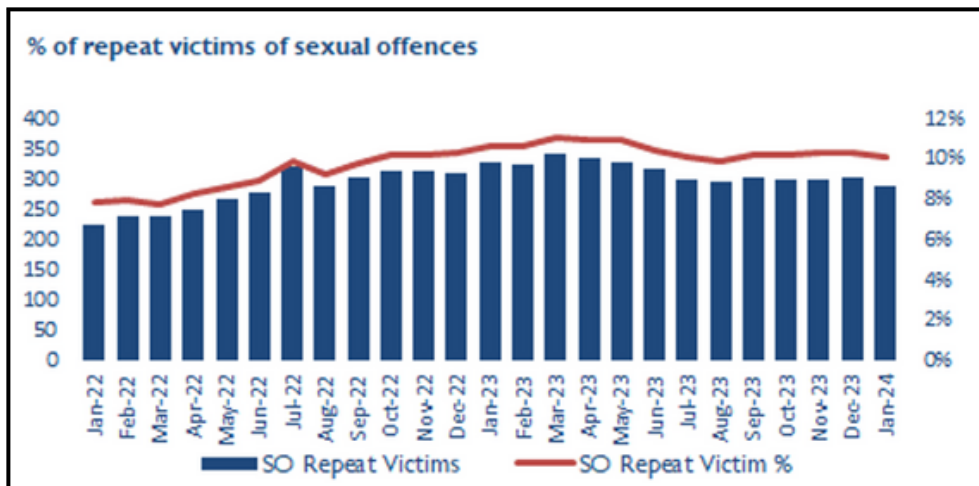
- Significantly less ASB victims were satisfied with the actions taken compared to the same period last year. Dissatisfied victims mainly perceived that police had taken a lack of robust action in response to their report and/or had failed to take it seriously. Not providing resolution to the ASB issue, taking a long time to act and/or police not following up on the actions they said they would take, were also drivers of dissatisfaction.

Indicator	12 months to January 2023	12 months to January 2024
Whole Experience	72%	70%

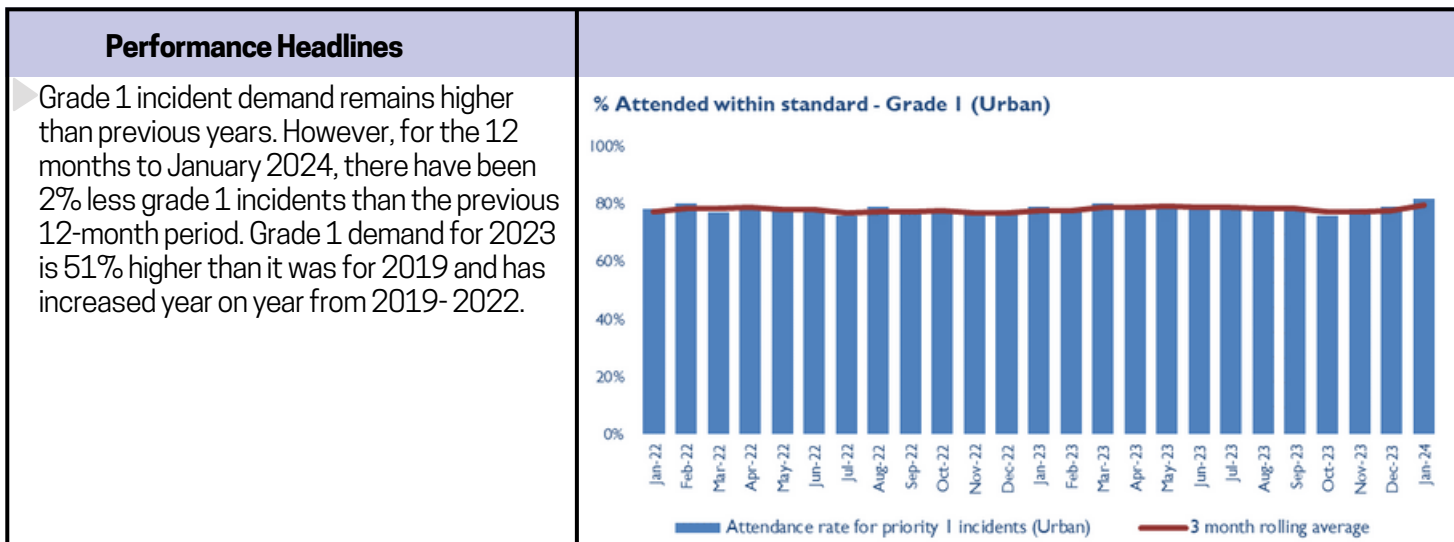
Repeat Victims - Domestic Abuse



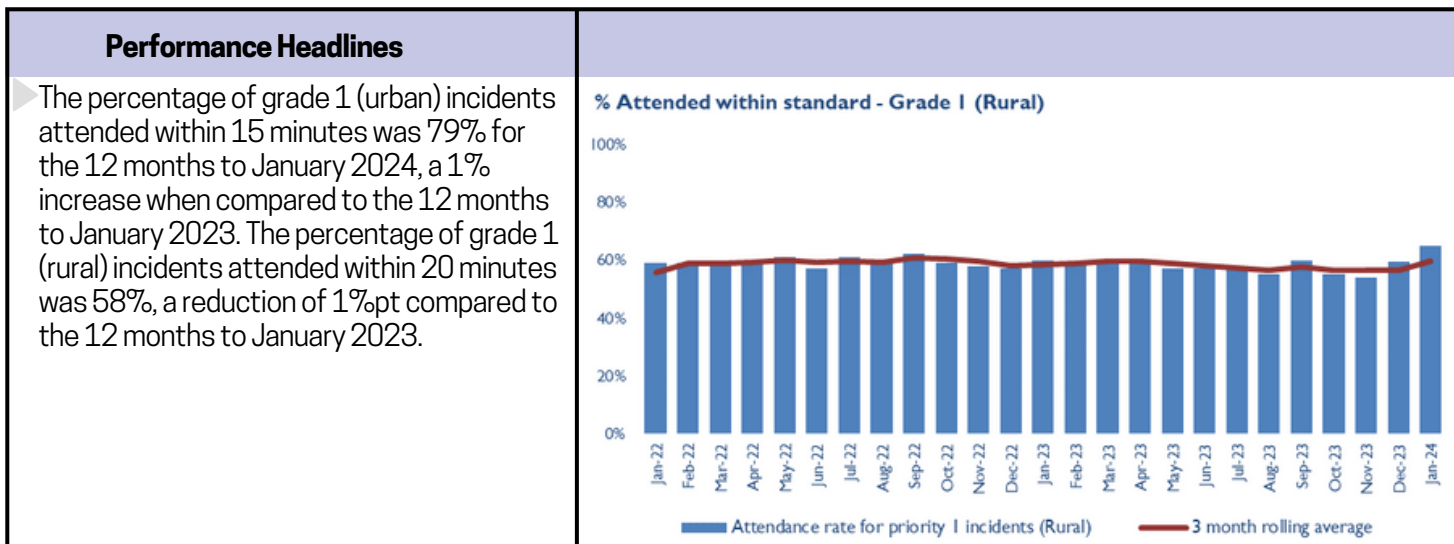
Repeat Victims - Sexual offences



Police Response Times - Grade 1 Urban



Police Response Times - Grade 1 Rural



Answer Times - 999 Emergency Calls

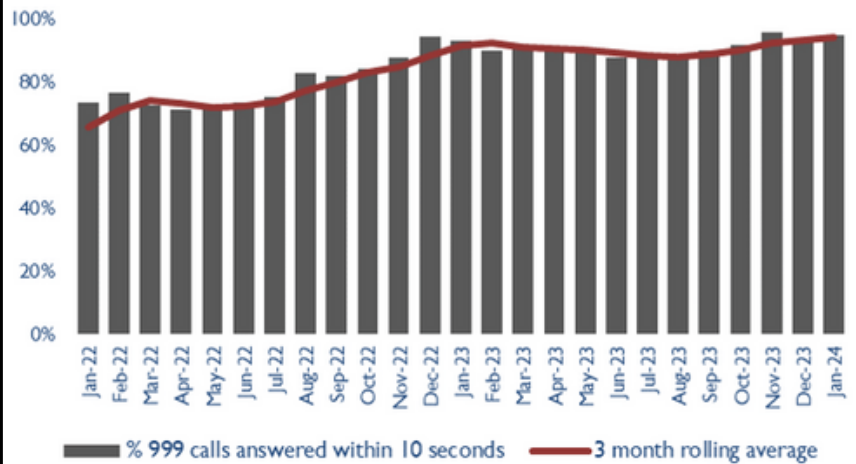
Performance Headlines

There has also been a significant improvement in the 90th percentile compared to the previous 12-month period, with 90% of 999 calls answered in 6 seconds compared to 58 seconds for the 12 months to January 2023.

For the 12 months to January 2024, the number of 999 calls increased by 2% compared to the previous 12 months, from 300,596 to 306,100.

999 call volumes in 2023 were 24% higher than they were in 2019 and have increased each year since then, although the rate of increase has slowed down over the last four years.

999 Calls answered within standard



Answer Times - 101 Non-Emergency Calls

Performance Headlines

For the 12 months to January 2024, the number of 101 non-emergency calls increased by 8% compared to the previous 12 months, from 238,167 to 257,869.

The percentage of 101 calls answered within 1 minute for the 12 months to January 2024 is 64%; this compares to 43% for the 12 months to January 2023. The average answer time for 101 non-emergency calls for the 12 months to January 2024 was 1 minute and 28 seconds, compared to 4 minutes and 17 seconds for the 12 months to January 2023.

101 NE Calls answered within standard



PREVENTING CRIME

First Time Entrants into Criminal Justice System

Number of first-time entrants to the criminal justice system	12 months to December 2020	12 months to December 2021	12 months to December 2022
Total	1,966	1,980	2,049
<i>Adults</i>	1,828	1,839	1,891
<i>Juveniles</i>	138	141	158

Serious Violence Offences

Indicator % change	12 months to December 2019	12 months to January 2023	12 months to January 2024	% change
Serious violence offences	18,709	22,879	24,049	+5%
Knife enabled serious violence	800	989	1,155	+17%
Homicides	12	18	10	-44%
Hospital admissions (under 25s for assault with a sharp object)	25	30 (to Sept 22)	15 (to Sept 23)	-50%

Serious violence offences have remained relatively consistent over the winter months. The force is placed 37th nationally for the 12 months to December 2023. Knife enabled serious violence accounted for 5% of the total serious violence offences in the 12 months to December 2023, which is an increase of 0.5%pts compared to the previous period.

To support a focused approach to tackling and reducing serious violence, the force launched a new Prevention Department in October 2023. The Prevention Department has assumed tactical and strategic ownership of the delivery of the serious youth violence portfolio, including public spaces, knife crime and corrosive substances.

IMPROVING LIVES

Public Perception

Indicator	12 months to January 2023	12 months to January 2024
Percentage of people who think the police do a good or excellent job in their neighbourhood	70%	69%

Performance Headlines

- ▶ The percentage of residents who rated the performance of their local police as good or excellent remains stable compared to the same period last year.

Overall Victim Satisfaction

Indicator	Area Commands (AC)	
	12 months to January 2023	12 months to January 2024
Whole Experience	75%	73%

Performance Headlines

- ▶ 73% of volume crime victims said they were satisfied with their whole experience of service. A Victim Satisfaction Working Group was established in June 2023 to address reductions in victim satisfaction (particularly for victims of volume crime and ASB).

Satisfaction - Hate Crime

Indicator	12 months to January 2023	12 months to Sept 2024
Whole experience	74%	76%



Satisfaction - Domestic Abuse

Indicator	12 months to January 2023	12 months to January 2024
Whole experience	87%	86%

NORTHUMBRIA OPCC PERFORMANCE DATA

FEBRUARY 2024





NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

6 February 2024

PRESENT:

Gateshead Council	Councillors A Douglas (Chair) and P Maughan
Newcastle City Council	Councillors P Lovatt and J Sathian
North Tyneside Council	Councillor C Johnson
Northumberland County Council	Councillor G Stewart
South Tyneside Council	Councillor J Welsh
Sunderland City Council	Councillor P Stewart
Independent Co-opted Member	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

Gateshead Council

T Briton	- Representing the Clerk to the Panel
B Wilson	- Democratic Services

APOLOGIES: Councillors T Mulvenna ((North Tyneside Council), C Horncastle (Northumberland County Council), C Rowntree (Sunderland City Council) and Mr J Klajn

26. MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Councillor Carole Burdis, who represented North Tyneside Council on the Panel, sadly passed away on 15 January 2024. A Minute's silence was held in memory of Councillor Burdis.

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

28. FEEDBACK FROM NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

Councillor Welsh gave an update on the National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panels.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

29. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

The term of office of the Panel's current Independent Members ends in May 2024.

All of the constituent Councils will be requested to place the advert for the appointment of the Panel's Independent Members on their websites and to circulate the advert to relevant partners, organisations and individuals who might be interested in applying for the position.

It was proposed that the Clerk should be authorised, following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel, to finalise the timetable for the appointment process. It is also suggested that the Chair, Vice Chair and another Member of the Panel should form a Group to shortlist the applicants and to undertake the subsequent interviews. The Group will then recommend its preferred candidate for appointment to the Panel which will make the final decision.

RESOLVED - That the proposed arrangements for the appointment process for the Independent Member positions be approved.

30. FINANCE UPDATE

The PCC reported that the Government's 2024/25 police grant settlement had only recently been confirmed. There was no help for inflation, significant efficiency savings will need to be made and Northumbria had lost £148m during austerity although this had not impacted frontline services.

Mr K Laing, the PCC's Chief Finance Officer, gave a verbal presentation on financial planning 2024/25, budget setting/priority based budgeting process, the police settlement in regard to Northumbria and precept consultation 2024/25.

The Panel raised the following issues:-

Reference was made to temporary officers. It was replied that the officers would replace those that had retired or transferred to other forces. Additional officers under the Police Uplift Programme were also being applied for. The force still had 400 less officers than in 2010.

It was asked if there were to be new buildings or others refurbished and whether new technology was included. It was replied that a review of the estates strategy

was being undertaken to ensure the estate was fit for purpose and sustainable and this took into account new technology, etc.

The PCC and Northumberland County Council were in discussions in regard to the Hexham police station and house but no solution had yet been found.

31. PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2024/25

In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the PCC notified the Panel of the proposed 2024/25 Council Tax precept.

The proposed 2024/25 revenue and capital budgets and a review of the 2023/24 budget position were submitted.

The Government's proposed 2024/25 precept referendum limit enables PCCs to increase precepts by up to £13 per year for a Band D property. The PCC has considered the overall funding made available to the force and the impact any increase will have on households. The PCC's proposal for 2024/25 is, therefore, to increase the precept by £13 per year for a Band D property, an increase of 7.7% and approximately 108p per month. This will give an additional and recurring £5.384m contribution to resources.

The PCC stated that the budget shortfall would be increased if she did not increase the precept by £13 per year for a Band D property. Public consultation on the 2024/25 proposed precept had been undertaken through telephone and online surveys. 74% of all respondents supported an increase in the precept to prevent cuts to frontline policing. 62% supported the 7.7% increase which allowed greater investment in frontline policing. The precept increase will allow Northumbria Police to introduce a force wide motorbike Anti-social Behaviour Unit and to safeguard and hire 30 new investigators, including digital forensic specialists. It will potentially reopen new stations or introduce new public contact points following a review into increased openings and avoid the need for further cuts to the frontline police budget.

The Panel raised the following issues:-

Following 14 years of austerity the burden of funding on local people was increasing. Whilst there has been an increase in Government funding there was still a very difficult financial position.

The potential to reopen some police stations to the public was welcomed. The PCC explained that 4 stations were initially involved before an assessment on whether the scheme could be extended would be assessed. It had been a very difficult decision to close the stations to the public and this was now being reviewed.

The PCC gave further information on the proposal to introduce a force wide motorbike Anti-social Behaviour Unit.

Reference was made to the force using the recovery of proceeds of crime to generate funding. The PCC replied that the proposal to hire 30 new investigators would bring in more proceeds of crime funding. Some of this funding has been reinvested into community grants for local projects to prevent crime.

It was suggested that the bikes confiscated by the police could be recycled to raise funds. This was an operational issue and a lot were illegal bikes. The public was satisfied when the bikes which had blighted their area were crushed.

It was asked where the additional officers being recruited would be based. The PCC replied that it took 3 years before the new officers were fully operational, therefore, it was difficult to say where they would be placed. This would be a decision for the Chief Constable.

RESOLVED - That the Panel issue a report to the PCC that it accepts the PCC's proposal to increase the precept by £13 per year for a Band D property, an increase of 7.7%.

32. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 2.00pm.

33. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024/25

The following schedule of meetings for 2024/25 to be held in the Gateshead Civic Centre was proposed:-

Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 23 July 2024 at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 22 October 2024 at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 4 February 2025 at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 18 March 2025 at 2.00pm

RESOLVED - That the 2024/25 schedule of meetings as outlined be agreed.



19th March 2024

**REPORT TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND MONITORING OFFICER
COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER REPORT –
OCTOBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Police and Crime panel with the report about the complaints and purported complaints received and every conduct matter recorded by the Monitoring Officer from October 2023 to February 2024.

2. Background

- 1.2 The Police and Crime Panel has the statutory role of overseeing all complaints against the PCC and informally resolving non-criminal complaints, as well as criminal complaints or conduct matters that are referred to the Panel by the Independent Office for Police Complaints (IOPC).
- 2.2 The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) make provision regarding the Panel's powers and duties regarding complaints made about the conduct of the PCC. The aim of the complaints system is to deliver resolution as quickly and effectively as possible for the majority of complainants through local resolution.
- 2.3 In accordance with the Regulations, the Panel is required to maintain suitable arrangements for handling complaints, recording conduct matters where there is an indication that the PCC may have committed a criminal offence and prescribing the manner in which any complaints alleging conduct which constitutes or involves, or appears to constitute or involve, the commission of a criminal offence and conduct matters are handled. A procedure for dealing with complaints against the PCC was approved by panel members in November 2012 appointing the Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner as the Monitoring Officer.
- 2.4 In respect of record keeping the panel agreed in this procedure that the Monitoring Officer will keep records of: every complaint and purported complaint received, and every conduct matter recorded by the Monitoring Officer. In addition, the Monitoring Officer is to report, on a regular basis, the summary details (such as can be reported in public), on the exercise of any and all of these functions to the Police and Crime Panel for monitoring purposes.
- 2.5 There were no complaints between October 2023 to February 2024.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 Panel Members are asked to note the report.

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