



## **NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

**5 March 2019**

### **PRESENT:**

<b>Gateshead Council</b>	Councillors A Douglas (Chair) and S Hawkins
<b>Newcastle City Council</b>	Councillor H Rahman
<b>Northumberland County Council</b>	Councillor J Riddle
<b>South Tyneside Council</b>	Councillors G Kilgour and J Welsh
<b>Sunderland City Council</b>	Councillor M Mordey
<b>Independent Co-opted Members</b>	Mrs J Guy and Mr S Isaacson

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

R Durham	- Chief of Staff
S Duffy	- Director of Governance and Communications

#### **Gateshead Council**

D Hill	- Legal and Democratic Services
B Wilson	- Democratic Services

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors K Webster (Newcastle City Council), C Burdis and T Mulvenna (North Tyneside Council), S Davey (Northumberland County Council) and G Miller (Sunderland City Council)

### **43. MINUTES**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 February 2019 be approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

Councillor Welsh reported on the last meeting of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels held via audio conference. It was considered that the Policing Minister's response to panels about the use of the Home Office grant to pay for Association membership had been a standard reply. A meeting with the Policing Minister to discuss the situation was to be requested.

Currently, 19 panels were Members of the Association with four more awaiting a decision on the use of Home Office funds for the subscription.

The Association's website is currently being developed which will have separate areas for police and crime content and fire and rescue content. There will also be an Association members' only area which could be used for training purposes. The domain name for the website will be [www.policecrimepanels.org](http://www.policecrimepanels.org).

Further information on the Police Fire and Crime Panel guidance refresh was awaited.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

#### **45. THEMED REPORT - SAFETYWORKS**

SafetyWorks was an interactive safety centre established and managed by the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue working in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Northumbria Police, Nexus, St John's Ambulance and Sainsburys. It provided realistic, interactive learning experiences for young people and community groups, to learn about the prevention of danger and how to live safely, as well as general life skills. The remit had been broadened to meet the changing needs of the most vulnerable within communities, particularly protecting young people from child sexual exploitation, understanding healthy relationships and consent, risks of drug and alcohol misuse and promoting zero tolerance to violence in sexual relationships.

In 2015, Northumbria Police secured £342,342 from the Police Innovation Fund to remodel SafetyWorks, employ professional facilitators, develop a library of interactive training guides and aids and identify and educate vulnerable groups.

The objectives and details of the facilitators' qualifications, the training courses provided and numbers of attendees, evaluation of the facility and case studies were given.

The Panel raised the following issues:-

The good work that went on at SafetyWorks and the enthusiasm of the staff were praised and the facility had changed over the last few years. It was asked if there was continued future funding for SafetyWorks. It was replied that the staff used to be seconded here but they were now permanent Safeguarding Community Advisers. Funding was available and the staff also looked at different funding options. All schools in the Northumbria area were welcome to attend SafetyWorks but a lot from outside the Newcastle did not attend because of the transport costs.

It was asked if a list of all the schools that had visited the facility in local authority areas could be provided so that the Councils could encourage other schools to come here. A leaflet with details of the centre was given out but it was reported that it was now fully booked until August.

RESOLVED – That the SafetyWorks staff be thanked for the tour of the facility and their excellent presentation.

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

RESOLVED - That consideration be given to changing the date of the next from Tuesday, 23 April 2019 at 2.00pm until after the local elections in May.