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HARTLEPOOL

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Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Belcher, Black, Brown, Buchan, Cassidy, Cook, Cranney, Fleming, Hall, Hamilton, Harrison, Hunter, James, Lauderdale, Lindridge, Little, Loynes, Marshall, McLaughlin, Moore, Dr. Morris, A Richardson, C Richardson, Robinson, Smith, Tennant, Thomas, Trueman and Young.

Madam or Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the COUNCIL meeting to be held on THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool to consider the subjects set out in the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

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G Alexander  
Chief Executive

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# COUNCIL AGENDA



**13 September 2018**

**at 7.00 pm**

**in the Council Chamber,  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.**

- (1) To receive apologies from absent Members;
- (2) To receive any declarations of interest from Members;
- (3) To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business;
- (4) To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 21 June 2018 as the correct record;
- (5) To answer questions from Members of the Council on the minutes of the last meeting of Council;
- (6) To deal with any business required by statute to be done;
- (7) To receive any announcements from the Chair, or the Head of Paid Service;
- (8) To dispose of business (if any) remaining from the last meeting and to receive the report of any Committee to which such business was referred for consideration;
- (9) To consider reports from the Council's Committees and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports;
- (10) To consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting, and to receive questions and answers on any of those items;
- (11) To consider reports from the Policy Committees:
  - (a) proposals in relation to the Council's approved budget and policy framework; and

1. Community Safety Plan 2017-20 (Year 2)– Report of Finance and Policy Committee
  - (b) proposals for departures from the approved budget and policy framework;
- (12) To consider motions in the order in which notice has been received;
- (13) To receive the Chief Executive’s report and to pass such resolutions thereon as may be deemed necessary;
- (14) To receive questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters of which notice has been given under Rule 11;
- (15) To answer questions of Members of the Council under Rule 12;
  - a) Questions to the Chairs about recent decisions of Council Committees and Forums without notice under Council Procedure Rule 12.1
  - b) Questions on notice to the Chair of any Committee or Forum under Council Procedure Rule 12.2
  - c) Questions on notice to the Council representatives on the Police and Crime Panel and Cleveland Fire Authority
  - d) Minutes of the meetings held by the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 and the Police and Crime Panel on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018



**COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**21 June 2018**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

PRESENT:-

The Ceremonial Mayor (Councillor Barclay) presiding:

COUNCILLORS:

C Akers-Belcher	S Akers-Belcher	Belcher
Black	Brown	Buchan
Cassidy	Cook	Cranney
Fleming	Hall	Hamilton
Harrison	Hunter	Lauderdale
Little	Loynes	Marshall
McLaughlin	Moore	Dr Morris
A Richardson	C Richardson	Smith
Tennant	Trueman	

Officers: Gill Alexander, Chief Executive  
Hayley Martin, Interim Chief Solicitor  
Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods  
Julian Heward, Public Relations Officer  
Amanda Whitaker and David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENT MEMBERS

Councillors Beck, James, Lindridge and Thomas

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None

12. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

### 13. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Council held on the 22 May 2018 and the Annual Council meeting held on 24 May 2018 had been laid before the Council.

A Member referred to minute 2 of the Annual Council meeting held on 24 May 2018. The Member referred Council to the minutes stating that a vote was put and agreed for the appointment of Ceremonial Mayor. The Member advised that a vote had not been put. The Chief Executive clarified that the Ceremonial Mayor had been appointed unopposed. It was agreed that the minutes be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2018 be confirmed and the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 24 May 2018 be confirmed subject to the deletion of reference to a vote being put with regard to appointment of Ceremonial Mayor.

The minutes were, thereupon, signed by the Chairman.

### 14. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Further to minute 152(a) of the meeting held on 22 May 2018, the Member moved that the Council remove the awarding of a medal, to a retiring Ceremonial Mayor, if the cost of the medal is met by the Council. In response, it was proposed that the issue be referred to the Constitution Committee for consideration. Following concern expressed by the Member, it was highlighted that a report of the Constitution Committee would be reported to Council when there would be the opportunity for Council to debate the issue.

### 15. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

None.

### 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ceremonial Mayor announced that a celebration event for the NHS 70<sup>th</sup> birthday would be held on 5 July in the Civic Centre and on 7 July events would be held on the Headland to celebrate Armed Forces Day.

Congratulations were conveyed by the Chief Executive to the Engineering and Design Management Team who had worked on Headland Flood Defence Project and the Building Design and Construction Team who had worked on the Centre for Independent Living. It was noted that both Teams had recently won awards at the Constructing Excellence in the North East Awards. The Leader of the Council reiterated his congratulations to the Teams and highlighted that this Council was the only one in the North East to be recognised at those awards.

17. TO DISPOSE OF BUSINESS (IF ANY) REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING AND TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF ANY COMMITTEE TO WHICH SUCH BUSINESS WAS REFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION.

None.

18. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

None.

19. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS OF THE MEETING

None.

20. REPORT FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEES

(a) Proposal in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework

None.

(b) Proposal for Departure from the Budget and Policy Framework

1. Medium Term Financial Strategy – Capital Programme and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Review – Report of Finance and Policy Committee

The Chair of Finance and Policy Committee presented the report to enable Council to consider the Committee's recommendation in relation to the Capital Programme and MRP review. At its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the Finance and Policy Committee had considered the report which had been circulated to Council, which set out the following two potential options for using the recurring MRP saving of £100,000:-

- Option 1 – earmark to reduce the 2019/20 revenue budget deficit;
- Option 2 – earmark to fund new capital expenditure of between £1.6m and £2.5m, depending on asset lives, and to delegate Authority to approve detailed schemes to the Neighbourhood Services Committee for implementation within the current financial year.

The Chair reported verbally that the Committee had recommended unanimously the following recommendations to Council:-

- That Option 2 – “to fund new capital expenditure of between £1.6m and £2.5m, depending on asset lives” be agreed for the utilisation of the recurring Minimum Revenue Provision saving of £100,000.
- That the additional Prudential Borrowing be included in the approved Prudential Borrowing limits and capital programme, and to delegate

authority to approve detailed schemes to the Neighbourhood Services Committee for implementation within the current financial year.

The recommendations were moved by Councillor C Akers-Belcher and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

Councillor Black moved an amendment that the resurfacing works of pathways involve the full resurfacing rather than patching and the relocation/removal of trees where appropriate to reduce ongoing maintenance. The amendment was not accepted by the mover of the Motion but it was agreed to refer the comments regarding resurfacing works to the Neighbourhood Services Committee.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5 of the Constitution, a recorded vote was taken on the recommendations of the Committee:-.

Those in favour:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Belcher, Brown, Cassidy, Cook, Cranney, Fleming, Hamilton, Harrison, Hunter, Little, Loynes, Marshall, McLaughlin, Moore, Morris, A Richardson, C Richardson, Smith, Tennant and Trueman.

Those against:

Councillors Black, Buchan, Hall and Lauderdale.

Those abstaining:

None.

The recommendations of the Finance and Policy Committee were approved and adopted.

Following the vote, it was proposed that the Neighbourhood Services Committee submit quarterly update reports to Council. In response, it was highlighted that the Neighbourhood Services Committee is a public meeting and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.1 a Member could ask, at Council meetings, a Chair of a Committee about a decision published and approved for implementation in the period since the last ordinary meeting of the Council.

## 21. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

## 22. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19

The Chief Executive reported that under Section 38 of the Localism Act (2011), Council had to approve a Pay Policy Statement (PPS) on an annual basis. The draft PPS for 2018/19 had been considered by Council on 15 March 2018. Council had resolved that the PPS be referred to the Finance and Policy Committee for more detailed consideration in the context of the budget and policy framework.

Members were advised that the Finance and Policy Committee had considered the draft PPS on 18 June 2018, a copy of which was appended to the report. Council was requested to approve the amendments detailed within paragraphs 10 and 15.

At the Committee meeting, a further amendment had been agreed to paragraph 15 so that the text of the reference to zero hours contracts be as follows –

“The Council does not generally support the use of zero hour contracts and has acted to end such contracts, with the exception of where an individual employee has specifically requested to remain on such a contract. There may be circumstances where an individual employee requests a zero hours based contract. The Director of Finance and Policy must consult with the Chief Executive and Chair of Finance and Policy Committee before the use of any such contracts are approved. Where employees are employed on a zero hours contract they are employed on a permanent or fixed term basis, are entitled to request a review of their contracted hours at any time after six months in post and are not prevented from working for other employers.”

The Committee had supported the proposal and the remaining changes to the document.

RESOLVED - That the changes to the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 outlined in the report and above be approved.

## 23. ADULT EDUCATION FUNCTIONS ORDER 2018 - DEVOLUTION OF THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET

It was reported that the Adult Education Budget (AEB) was an element of national skills funding that was provided to equip adults over the age of 19 with the skills and learning they needed for work, apprenticeships or further learning. The budget included provision for formal learning and qualifications primarily delivered by Further Education Colleges, community learning primarily delivered by Council Adult learning services, a small element of vocational learning in Sixth Forms and a wide range of learning provided by independent training providers. It was noted that the AEB is currently administered by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Tees Valley, and other devolution areas, had sought full devolution of this funding in order to raise local skill levels, promote reform and improved performance and strengthen the links between training and local job opportunities. Full devolution of this budget could take place for academic year 2019/20 which would enable the Combined Authority to allocate funding directly to skills providers, determine the outcomes to be achieved and manage performance of these providers. A funding formula



for calculating the size of the grant to combined authorities would take into account a range of demographic, educational and labour market factors. An indicative and working budget of £30.5m p.a. had been suggested by the Department for planning purposes. It was likely that this figure would reduce as was predicated on previous performance and allocation confirmation in the autumn statement.

The benefits of devolution for the Combined Authority were set out in the report. The greatest benefit to the Tees Valley in enabling devolution of this element of the skills system would demonstrate the potential for achieving greater success linked to greater alignment of skills provision directly to the future Tees Valley economic needs of business and the traction to achieve greater economic growth for future devolution. In order to enable full devolution of the Adult Education Budget a Parliamentary Order had to be placed before Parliament. On the 1<sup>st</sup> June Cabinet at Tees Valley Combined Authority had approved the laying of the Order to the Secretary of State for the Department for Education (DfE) for devolution, however, agreement had to be also sought from each of the constituent authorities.

Members are asked to consider whether they consent to the proposed devolution to allow Government to seek parliamentary approval. Once enacted, the legislation would transfer full financial delegation of the Adult Education Budget to the Combined Authority from August 2019.

Following presentation of the report by the Chief Executive, the Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee highlighted that adult education was included in his Tees Valley Combined Authority portfolio and highlighted the opportunities arising from full devolution of the budget.

RESOLVED – That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to give the Council's consent to the laying of the Order.

#### 24. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

Council was reminded of the announcement made at the Annual Council meeting of the resignation of Ray Martin-Wells as a Borough Councillor for the Rural West Ward. A letter of resignation had been received on 31<sup>st</sup> May and a notice of vacancy had been published on 1 June 2018. A by-election would be held on Thursday 12 July 2018.

The resignation created a series of vacancies as set out below:-

Finance and Policy Committee  
Adult Services Committee  
Regeneration Services Committee  
Licensing Committee Chair  
Planning Committee  
South and Central Community Forum  
Cleveland Fire Authority

It was moved by Councillor Loynes and seconded by Councillor C Akers-Belcher:-

“That consideration of the vacancies on Committees and on the Cleveland Fire Authority be deferred until after the Rural West by-election”.

A Member referred to the vacancy on the Cleveland Fire Authority and advised Council that in view of the importance of representation on the organisation, an appointment should be made, at this Council meeting, without delay.

In response, it was highlighted that there had been a number of by-elections over the previous year and on those occasions it had been agreed to defer consideration of vacancies until after the by-elections. It was considered appropriate to have a full complement of elected members before decisions were taken on appointing to the vacancies.

It was moved by Councillor Tennant and seconded by Councillor Black:-

“That the appointment to Cleveland Fire Authority be made by the Council without delay.”

A vote taken on the substantive Motion was carried.

RESOLVED - That consideration of the vacancies on Committees and on the Cleveland Fire Authority be deferred until after the Rural West by-election.

## 25. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS – UPDATE REPORT

The Chief Executive reported that following the appointments made to Outside Bodies at the Council meeting on 22 May 2018, the following vacancies remain:-

- Hartlepool and District Sports Council – 2 vacancies
- Henry Smith Educational Charity – 1 vacancy
- Teesside Pension Board – 1 vacancy
- Victoria and Jubilee Homes – 2 vacancies

It was reported that resignations had been received also resulting in the following additional vacancies:-

- Councillor Loynes - Fostering Panel (for the remainder of a three year term of office expiring in May 2020)
- Councillor Beck – Durham Tees Valley Airport Board

Council was advised also of the following designated substitutes:-

- Tees Valley Combined Authority Cabinet – designated substitute Cllr Cranney for Cllr C Akers-Belcher

- Tees Valley Combined Authority Local Enterprise Partnership Board – designated substitute Cllr Cranney for Cllr C Akers-Belcher
- Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee – designated substitute Cllr Lindridge for Cllr Cranney
- Tees Valley Combined Authority Education, Employment and Skills Partnership – designated substitute Cllr Lindridge for Cllr Cranney.
- Tees Valley Combined Authority Culture & Tourism Thematic Partnership – designated substitute Cllr Lindridge for Cllr Cranney
- Tees Valley Combined Authority The Land Commission - designated substitute Cllr Lindridge for Cllr Cranney

Members were reminded that Council had agreed that Councillor Moore be appointed to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee, subject to the confirmation by the Combined Authority Cabinet. The Chief Executive had been informed that the Cabinet ‘did not ratify the appointment of Cllr Moore to the Audit and Governance Committee’.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that a number of appointments had been referred to Committees. It was reported at the meeting that the Children’s Services Committee had appointed the Chair of that Committee, Councillor Harrison and Councillors Beck and James to the School Admissions Forum.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) That consideration of the vacancies outstanding since the Council meeting on 22 May and the vacancies arising from resignations from the Fostering Panel and Durham Tees Valley Airport Board be deferred until after the Rural West by-election.
- (ii) That the designated substitutes set out in the report be noted.
- (iii) That Councillor Marshall replace the nomination of Councillor Moore on the TVCA Audit and Governance Committee.
- (iv) That the appointments by the Children’s Services Committee to the School Admissions Forum be noted.

**26. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE TEESIDE AND HARTLEPOOL CORONER AREAS**

The Chief Executive reported that the Ministry of Justice had consulted on the proposal to merge the Teesside and Hartlepool coroner areas following the retirement of the Senior Coroner for Hartlepool, Malcolm Donnelly, on 30 June 2017. Clare Bailey had been acting as the Hartlepool Senior Coroner since Mr Donnelly’s retirement. If approved, the merger would come into effect by the middle of July 2018.

Members were reminded that Council had expressed its opposition to the proposed amalgamation of the Hartlepool and Teesside Coroner Areas. A further Addendum to the Original Business Case for the Amalgamation of the

Coroner areas was noted by Council on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to allow for public consultation through the Ministry of Justice. The consultation had closed on 22 May 2018. In accordance with delegated authority, the Interim Chief Solicitor had submitted a response, on behalf of the Council, to the consultation. The response had stated that the Council did not agree with the proposed merger. It had been highlighted that the Council also does not agree with the assessment, made by Middlesbrough Council, in their business case, of the impacts of the proposed merger. The Interim Chief Solicitor had added that the Council does not feel the business case provides certainty for Hartlepool services. Assurances would be required before the assessment could be agreed. In response to how disagreement with the merger could be mitigated, the response had stated that the concerns would be mitigated by the retention of an independent coroner service for Hartlepool.

In response to the consultation response, representatives of the Ministry of Justice had contacted the Interim Chief Solicitor to reassure the Council that there were no plans to move inquests out of Hartlepool. However, because the arrangements for coroners inquests were not a matter for central government the Ministry was unable itself to offer any undertaking or assurance. It had therefore been agreed that agreement would be reached with Middlesbrough Council (as the lead authority for the merged services) that inquests would remain in Hartlepool and that this agreement would be referred to in the explanatory memorandum which would be attached to the order that is laid before Parliament. These measures would secure the best protection and assurance achievable that services would remain in Hartlepool. On this basis the MoJ and MBC had requested that the Council reconsiders Hartlepool's response to the consultation.

A supplementary item advised Council that a copy of the draft proposed Explanatory Memorandum which references the agreement entered in to between Hartlepool Borough Council and Middlesbrough Borough Council had been received.

RESOLVED – That in light of the assurances that had been given by the Ministry of Justice and Middlesbrough Council, Council reconsidered Hartlepool's response and expressed support of the merger.

## 27. SCHOOL FUNDING

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018, it had been agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister of State for Schools Standards for a fuller response to the questions which had been raised in the initial letter, regarding the above, sent on behalf of Council to the Minister. The Chief Executive had circulated, as an Appendix, a copy of the response which had been received from the Minister.

The Chair of Children's Services Committee expressed concern regarding the terms of the responses that had been received. It was considered that this second response was inadequate also and showed no understanding of the needs of, and the issues faced by, the town. It was agreed that the Leader and

Chair of Children’s Services Committee would convey the concerns to the Member of Parliament.

RESOLVED - That the Leader and Chair of Children’s Services Committee convey the concerns to the Member of Parliament and request that the MP further investigate the issue.

## 28. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Members were reminded of previous reports to Council on 14 December 2017 and 15 March 2018 that the Local Government Boundary Commission (‘Commission’) for England had formally commenced an electoral review of Hartlepool Borough Council. Following these reports, both a Member Working Group and Officer Working Group had been formed to prepare the Council’s submission in relation to Council size. The composition of the Member Working Group, including group leaders, had been agreed as follows:-

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Black, Cook, Cranney, Hall, Martin-Wells, Moore, C Richardson, Tennant and Trueman.

It was noted that as Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Loynes would replace Councillor Martin-Wells on the Member Working Group.

The Council’s submission to the Commission had recommended that the ‘council size’ for Hartlepool Borough Council should be at least 36 Members. On the 29 May 2018, the Commission had written to the Council to advise that they are ‘*minded to recommend that 36 Borough Councillors should be elected to Hartlepool Borough Council.*’ The Commission had now commenced a period of consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of electoral wards from the Council, interested parties and members of the public. The consultation closes on 6 August 2018.

Members were advised that the Council was required to publicise the review and action was currently being taken by the Council’s Communication’s team to do this.

Both the Member and Officer working groups are to meet to discuss the pattern of electoral wards in the coming weeks.

It was moved by Councillor C Akers-Belcher and seconded by Councillor Cranney:-

“That after the meeting of the Member Working Group, either a Members’ Seminar or Council Working Group be held before the delegated authority is enacted.”

RESOLVED –

- (i) Authority was delegated to the Chief Executive to submit the Council’s proposals for the new pattern of electoral wards to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and to

implement any further actions required by the 'Commission' during the conduct of the review through to its conclusion

- (ii) The composition of the Member Working Group was agreed as follows:-

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Black, Cook, Cranney, Hall, Loynes, Moore, C Richardson, Tennant and Trueman.

- (iii) It was agreed that after the meeting of the Member Working Group, either a Members' Seminar or Council Working Group be held before the delegated authority is enacted.

It was announced that the above decisions were unanimous.

## 29. PUBLIC QUESTION

None.

## 30. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- a) Questions to the Chairs about recent decisions of Council Committees and Forums without notice under Council Procedure Rule 12.1

None.

- b) Questions on notice to the Chair of any Committee or Forum under Council Procedure Rule 12.2

None.

- c) Questions on notice to the Council representatives on the Police and Crime Panel and Cleveland Fire Authority

None.

- d) Minutes of the meetings held by the Cleveland Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Panel

The minutes of the meeting held by the Cleveland Fire Authority on 23 March 2018 were noted.

On closing the meeting, it was moved by Councillor Tennant and seconded by Councillor Hunter:-

"That a working group be convened to consider commemorations for the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day."

The Leader of the Council responded that he had spoken to the Chair of the Regeneration Services Committee regarding the anniversary commemorations and proposed that the issue be referred to the Regeneration Services Committee for consideration.

The mover of the Motion advised that he considered that all Councillors should have the opportunity to participate in the considerations. It was highlighted, however, that the Regeneration Services Committee was a public meeting and the Chair of the Committee advised that Members were welcome to attend the Committee meeting or to forward their comments to him.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Chief Executive highlighted to Members the provisions of the Council Procedure Rules which did not allow for 'any other business items'. Members were requested, therefore, to have due regard to the Council Procedure Rules.

The meeting concluded at 7.40 p.m.

CEREMONIAL MAYOR



**Report of:** Finance and Policy Committee

**Subject:** **COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017-20 (YEAR 2)**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider and comment on the Community Safety Plan 2017-20 (Year 2)

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 In accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 2998, and Crime and Disorder Regulations 2007, the Safer Hartlepool Partnership is required to produce a three year Community Safety Plan to set out how it intends to tackle crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in Hartlepool with a refresh of the plan being undertaken on an annual basis.

**3. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2017-20 (YEAR 2)**

3.1 The Community Safety Plan Year 2 (attached at **Appendix A**) provides an overview of progress made during 2017-18 with an update on end of year performance. It describes some of the Partnership activity undertaken to reduce crime and improve safety during the last 12 months, and incorporates the proposed 2018-19 annual priorities.

3.2 In developing the plan a strategic needs assessment has been undertaken which alongside local intelligence and analysis has included consultation with the local community (statutory, voluntary and community, and private sector) through the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Face the Public Event; an online survey; and the Police Local Public Confidence Survey.

3.3 The Plan was agreed by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and was considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> June, and the Finance and Policy Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> July.



**4. RECCOMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 It is recommended that Council adopts the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Safety Plan 2017-20 (Year 2).

**5. CONTACT OFFICER**

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# Safer Hartlepool Partnership

## Community Safety Plan 2017 – 2020 (Year 2)



Safer  
Hartlepool



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Last year, the Safer Hartlepool Partnership introduced Hartlepool's Community Safety Strategy 2017-2020 where we set out our bold vision for maintaining and improving community safety in Hartlepool and identified our priorities to help us achieve this. These were to:

- Reduce crime and repeat victimisation
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
- Create confident, cohesive and safe communities
- Reduce offending and re-offending

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher  
Chair of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership



During this past year, there have been a number of key community safety achievements, not least the introduction in March 2018 of the integrated Hartlepool Community Safety Team. The new team brings together staff from Hartlepool Borough Council, Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade who are all based together in the Police Station on Avenue Road. The team was created in response to requests from residents for a more joined-up service and provides a single point of contact for reporting issues and obtaining support for victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.

By working more closely together, the new team will be working more efficiently and avoiding the duplication of resources, which means residents will see an improved community safety service. Indeed, officers from the Hartlepool Community Safety Team will now be offering weekly drop-in sessions in the Council's three Community Hubs to make reporting problems and getting help easier than ever before.

Victims remain at the heart of the service and during 2017 over 440 victims were supported with attendance at court, with emotional support and the provision of help and advice. We have made security improvements to 270 homes in Hartlepool to prevent repeat victimisation, and we have helped victims receive compensation through the Criminal Injuries awards scheme with £33,000 being awarded to victims to date.

We know we continue to be faced with significant budgetary challenges whilst demand for services is rising. We are fully committed to collaborative working both locally and at a Cleveland wide level with the Police and Crime Commissioner. We recognise both fighting crime and tackling the underlying causes of it is key to our success, and in true Hartlepool spirit, we will do it together in Partnership.

## Introduction

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is Hartlepool's statutory Community Safety Partnership as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Partnership comprises of a core group of statutory partners, Elected Members and a range of other stakeholders from the public and voluntary sectors. Their main aim and purpose is to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in Hartlepool. The full current membership is detailed in **Appendix A**.

It is a statutory requirement of all Community Safety Partnerships that they regularly prepare and publish a Plan that shows how they will work together to address community safety issues in the local area. The aim of this Plan is to inform people about the work of the Partnership, its priorities for the next three years and how these will be achieved.

Our priorities continue to be informed through analysis of crime and community safety data, and by listening to the views of those living and working in Hartlepool through surveys and events such as our annual Face the Public event, the Safer Hartlepool Partnership annual on-line survey, and Cleveland Police Public Confidence Survey.

The Partnerships vision is that 'Hartlepool will be a safe place to live, work and visit'. Our approach for achieving this vision will be to focus on 'prevention'. We want to stop problems from happening in the first place by tackling root causes, and where problems do exist we want to stop them from escalating by intervening early and focusing our resources where they are most needed. We also remain committed to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable people from harm, and exploitation in the community. To do this we will work collaboratively and flexibly to deliver integrated models of service delivery, in conjunction with other Boards and Partnerships such as the Safeguarding Children's Board, Tees-wide Safeguarding Adults Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and Local Criminal Justice Board.



Hartlepool is the smallest unitary authority in the North East region and the third smallest in the country comprising of some of the most disadvantaged areas in England. Issues around community safety can be understood by a number of contextual factors:

### Population

At 92,500 the Hartlepool population has remained relatively unchanged over the last decade.

### Health & Wellbeing

There is a higher prevalence of long term health problems, including mental health, in Hartlepool.

### Deprivation

Hartlepool is the 18<sup>th</sup> most deprived local authority area out of 326 local authorities.

### Housing

The percentage of long term empty properties in Hartlepool is higher than the Tees Valley average.

### Geography

Community Safety issues are concentrated in geographic hotspots, particularly in the most deprived wards in Hartlepool.

### Unemployment

Unemployment rates in Hartlepool are above the regional average and double the national average.

## Partnership Activity 2017/18

During the first year of the Community Safety Plan for 2017-2020, the Partnership has delivered a number of activities against its strategic priorities to make Hartlepool safer some of which are outlined below:

### Strategic Objective 1: Reduce crime and repeat victimisation

Provided support to more than 430 victims of crime and anti-social behaviour and improved security to nearly 300 homes.

Developed a holistic service for the victims of Domestic Abuse, piloted new ways of working with families where domestic abuse is present, and rolled out 'DASH' risk assessment training for practitioners.

Introduced a multi-agency 'Team Around the Individual' approach for adults with complex needs.



### Strategic Objective 2: Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol

Provided a 'community-based' drug and alcohol treatment and recovery service.

Launched a new 'Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction Delivery Framework' (2018 -2025).

Disrupted criminal activity linked to the supply of drugs through the execution of drug warrants and premises closures.

Successful closure of premises under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act known to be persistently selling illicit tobacco.



### Strategic Objective 3: Create confident, cohesive and safe communities

Launched a new multi-agency Hartlepool Community Safety Team with the Council, Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade.

Delivered our annual Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Day to 1,065 pupils across Hartlepool.

Developed our use of social media to raise awareness and reporting of hate crime, domestic abuse, and burglary and vehicle crime.

Delivered restorative interventions in neighbourhoods to repair the harm caused by low-level anti-social behaviour.



### Strategic Objective 4: Reduce re-offending

Supported more than 540 families to successfully turn their lives around through the 'Troubled Families Programme'.

Continued to work with the Tees Reducing Re-offending Group and multi-agency Integrated Offender Management Team to target and support persistent offenders.

Prevented and diverted young people away from the criminal justice system through effective use of out-of-court interventions.



## Strategic Assessment 2017 – Key Findings (January – December 2017)

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership Strategic Assessment contains information to aid the Partnership's understanding of the priority community safety issues in Hartlepool. The Assessment forms part of an intelligence-led approach to community safety which enables a more focused, resource-effective and partnership-oriented delivery of options.

### Strategic Objective 1: Reduce crime & repeat victimisation

- 21% increase in crime, 1,808 more offences.
- 44% increase in residential burglary, 249 more offences.
- 14% increase in violent crime, 281 more offences
- Domestic related violent crime increased by 17 % however, the number of high risk repeat cases of domestic violence referred to the Hartlepool Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) reduced by 10%

### Strategic Objective 2: Reduce the harm caused by drugs & alcohol

- The cost of alcohol misuse has increased to be nearly £40m and equates to £430 per head of population
- The number of people dependant on drugs is twice the national average
- More than two thirds of the estimated drug dependant population in Hartlepool are receiving treatment
- Heroin is the main drug used by adults who are receiving treatment

### Strategic Objective 3: Create confident, cohesive & safe communities

- 1% increase in anti-social behaviour, 53 more incidents
- Lack of visible police presence in communities and poor street lighting perceived to be main community safety concerns
- 11.8% increase in hate crime, 171 more offences (but may reflect increased publicity and confidence in reporting)

### Strategic Objective 4: Reduce offending and re-offending

- 729 offenders charged with more than 1,850 offences
- 377 offenders committed two or more offences
- 8 individuals committed 15 or more offences, equating to 11.3% of all detected crime
- The number of young people entering the criminal justice system continues to follow a decreasing trend



## Public Consultation

Consultation with communities in Hartlepool takes place all year round through the work of the two Local Authority Community Cohesion Officers. These officers engage on a daily basis with communities across the town to inform, consult, and involve residents in the planning and delivery of services that affect their neighbourhood.

Additionally, on an annual basis, members of the public are invited to the Partnership's Face the Public event and to participate in an online survey. The majority of survey respondents agreed that the priorities outlined above are still important, along with concerns in relation to the levels of police presence in the community and vehicle crime.

Less than half of survey respondents (45%) felt that anti-social behaviour was a problem in their neighbourhoods, whilst 52% felt that crime was either not a big problem or not a problem at all in their local area. When asked to compare with the previous year, most people felt that levels of crime and anti-social behaviour where they live had not changed (62% and 75% respectively), although 35% felt that crime had become more of a problem in the past year.

When attendees at the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Face the Public workshop session were asked what the Partnership could do to improve matters, suggestions included better promotion of support services and where to go for help. People were aware that services such as drug and alcohol support were still available but did not know how to access them. Some people also felt that a culture of acceptance of bad behaviour and a reluctance among many people to get involved in their local community had developed and that this needed to be challenged.

Making people take responsibility for their actions and encouraging 'neighbourliness' and respect for others was also highlighted, and it was suggested that this could be achieved through better liaison with schools and landlords, as well as more use of restorative justice with offenders to make them repair the harm they had caused to their community.

Suggestions for how the public could help focussed on becoming more active members of the community, for example, volunteering, looking out for neighbours and sharing local intelligence and information. It was also felt that residents associations were well placed to help do this, particularly by looking out for vulnerable people in the neighbourhood.



## Partnership Strategic Objectives 2017 - 2020

Based on the findings in the annual Strategic Assessment and consultation with the local community, the Partnership will retain the following four strategic objectives during the lifetime of the three year plan:

Strategic Objectives 2017-2020	
Reduce crime and repeat victimisation	Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
Create confident, cohesive and safe communities	Reduce offending and re-offending

## Partnership Priorities 2018-2019

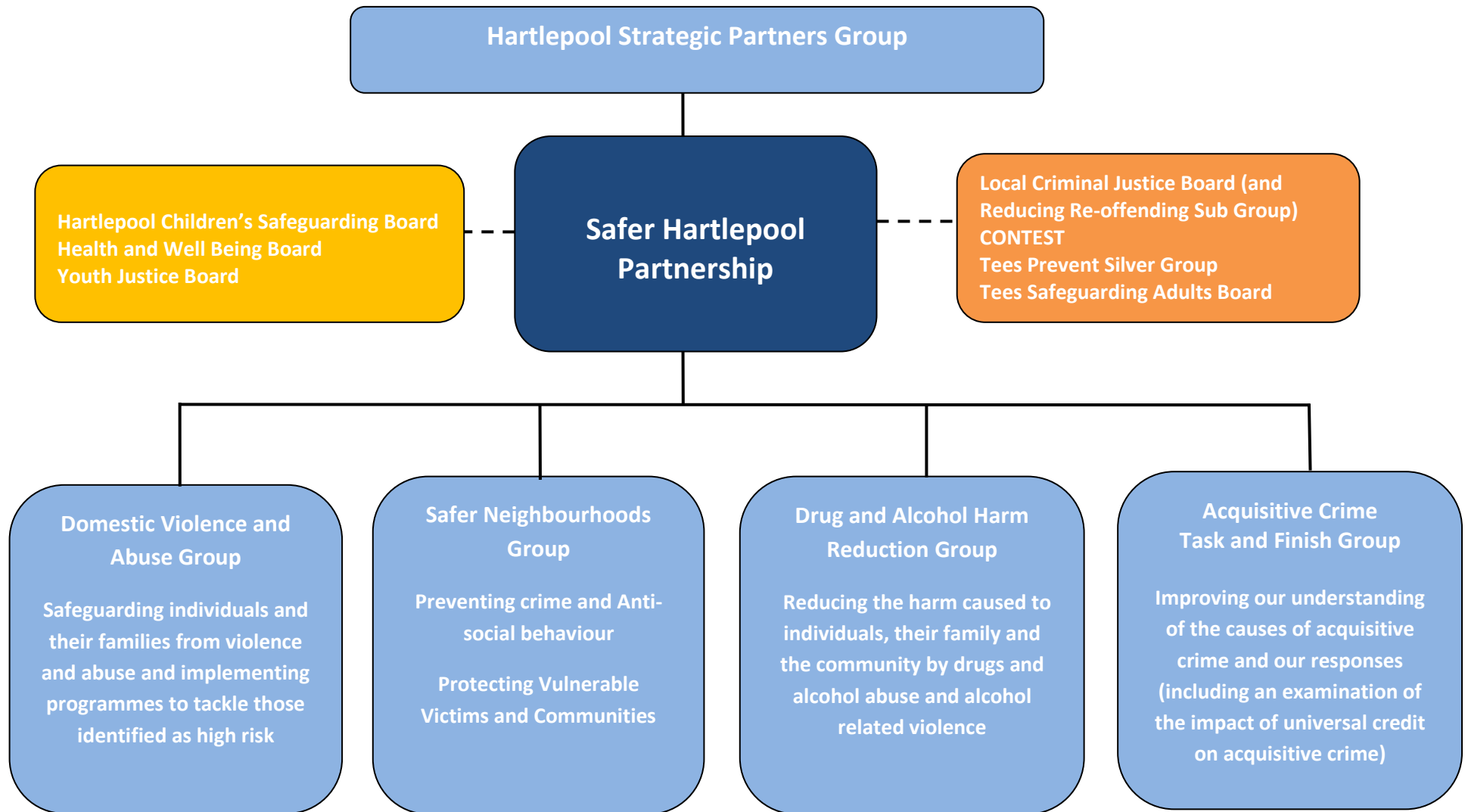
Annual Priorities 2018-2019	
<b>Re-offending</b> –reduce re-offending through a combination of prevention, diversion and enforcement activity.	<b>Acquisitive Crime</b> —reduce acquisitive crime through raising awareness and encouraging preventative activity.
<b>Domestic Violence and Abuse</b> –safeguard individuals and their families from violence and abuse and implement programmes to tackle those identified as ‘high risk’.	<b>Anti-social behaviour</b> —reduce anti-social behaviour through a combination of diversionary, educational, and enforcement action and restorative interventions.
<b>Substance misuse</b> —reduce the harm caused to individuals, their family and the community, by drug and alcohol misuse and alcohol related violence.	<b>Vulnerable Victims</b> - work together to identify and support vulnerable victims and communities experiencing crime and anti-social behaviour.

# Key Activities 2018-2019

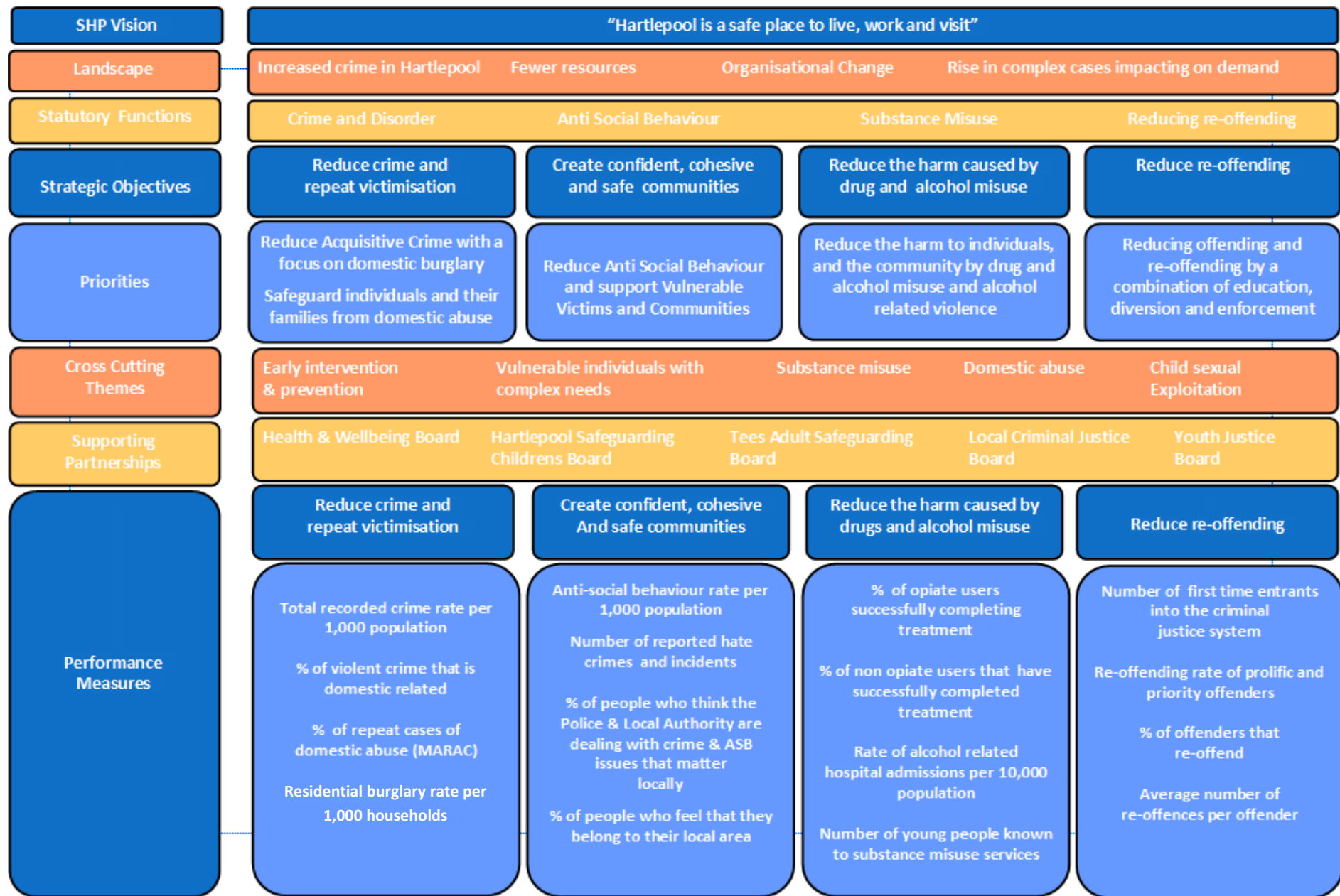
Partnerships	Crime Prevention	Anti-Social Behaviour	Vulnerable Victims
<p>Improve multi-agency problem solving approaches through the provision of training to key front-line staff.</p> <p>Embed the Hartlepool Community Safety Team.</p> <p>Undertake multi-agency prevention and disruption activities in relation to organised crime.</p>	<p>Make use of Social media to relay key crime prevention messages and promote services.</p> <p>Develop new 'no cold calling zones' to protect communities against door step crime.</p> <p>Deliver home and personal security to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Make effective use of tools and powers to enforce against anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.</p> <p>Deliver early intervention sessions in schools to educate and prevent young people from getting involved in ASB.</p> <p>Pilot the use of a Neighbourhood Police Anti-Social Behaviour car to provide a quick response in target neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Work with the 'Anti-Slavery Network' to identify, disrupt, and eradicate Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery.</p> <p>Develop a multi-agency response to young people identified as repeatedly missing from home.</p> <p>Safeguard vulnerable individuals from radicalisation through the Implementation of the national Channel</p>
Domestic Violence & Abuse	Substance Misuse	Offenders	Community Engagement
<p>Assess the benefit of existing perpetrator programmes targeted at all ages.</p> <p>Embed and monitor the impact of the new Multi-Agency Risk Assessment process for high risk victims of domestic abuse.</p> <p>Apply for Hartlepool to become a nationally accredited 'White Ribbon' town.</p>	<p>Establish a directory of local treatment and support services.</p> <p>Work with businesses and communities to reduce the illegal sale of alcohol to children and young people.</p> <p>In conjunction with the Health and Well Being Board review our approach to reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</p> <p>Tackle drug supply and related crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Establish the 'Divert Programme' to assist in reducing re-offending rates.</p> <p>Develop a local partnership to improve our current understanding and responses to acquisitive crime.</p> <p>Ensure a co-ordinated response to restorative approaches across Hartlepool.</p>	<p>Implement 'Pop Up' shops and a programme of engagement activity linked to Community Hubs.</p> <p>Promote and assist in developing volunteering and social action in communities.</p> <p>Develop a 'Hartlepool in Unity Programme'.</p> <p>Promote and increase sign up to 'Cleveland Connect'.</p>

## Delivering and Monitoring Performance

This chart outlines the Partnership delivery structure. Performance monitoring will be undertaken on a quarterly basis to assess progress against key priorities drawn from the strategic assessment and identify any emerging issues. Partnership performance will be monitored over the next 12 months using the indicators outlined in **Appendix B**



# Safer Hartlepool Partnership Plan 2018-2019



## Membership of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership

Membership of the Partnership reflects the statutory requirements and consists of senior representatives from the five responsible authorities<sup>1</sup> plus additional stakeholders as follows:

Responsible Authorities	Other Members
<p>Hartlepool Borough Council – Two Elected Members including Leader of the Council</p> <p>Hartlepool Borough Council – Chief Executive</p> <p>Hartlepool Borough Council - Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Hartlepool Borough Council – Assistant Director Neighbourhoods and Environment</p> <p>Cleveland Police – Chief Superintendent – Neighbourhoods and Partnerships</p> <p>Cleveland Fire and Rescue Authority – District Manager</p> <p>Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company - Director of Operations</p> <p>Cleveland National Probation Service – Head of Area</p> <p>Representative of Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>Youth Justice Board - Chair</p>	<p>Hartlepool Borough Council – Director of Public Health</p> <p>Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland</p> <p>Hartlepool Borough Council – Director of Children’s and Joint Commissioning Services</p> <p>Hartlepool Borough Council – Director of Adult Services</p> <p>Representative of Voluntary &amp; Community Sector – Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley</p> <p>Thirteen – Director of Customer Support Services</p>

This group is the ‘strategy group’ for the purposes of the statutory Regulations. New members may be added to the Partnership by agreement of existing members. There is also the potential for co-opting members onto the Partnership to undertake specific pieces of work or for specialist knowledge and skills as and when required.

<sup>1</sup> Responsible Authorities – Police, Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, National Probation Service, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company

## Strategic Objectives and Performance Indicators 2018-2019

Strategic Objective	Performance Indicators
Reduce crime and repeat victimisation	Total recorded crime rate per 1,000 population
	Domestic burglary rate per 1,000 household
	Vehicle crime rate per 1,000 population
	Robbery rate per 1,000 population
	Shoplifting rate per 1,000 population
	Violent crime (including sexual violence) rate per 1,000 population*
	% of violent crime (including sexual violence) that is domestic related
	% of repeat cases of domestic violence (MARAC)
	Violent crime (including sexual violence) hospital admissions for violence per 100,000 population*
Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse	Drug offences per 1,000 population
	% of people who think drug use or dealing is a problem
	% of opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment*
	% of non-opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment*
	% of alcohol users that have successfully completed alcohol treatment
	Alcohol related hospital admissions rate per 100,000 population*
	Number of young people known to substance misuse services

\*Indicators link to the Public Health Outcome Framework

Strategic Objective	Performance Indicators
Create confident, cohesive & safe communities	Anti-social behaviour incidents per 1,000 population
	Public order offences per 1,000 population
	Criminal damage rate per 1,000 population
	Deliberate fires rate per 1,000 population
	Number of reported hate crimes & incidents
	% of the population affected by noise - number of complaints about noise
	% of people who feel safe during the day
	% of people who feel safe after dark
	% of people who think rubbish or litter lying around is a problem
	% of people who think groups hanging around the streets is a problem
	% of people who think people being drunk or rowdy in a public place is a problem
	% of people who think vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property is a problem
	% of people who think noisy neighbours or loud parties is a problem
	% of people who think abandoned or burnt out cars are a problem
	% of people who think that they belong to their local area
	% of people who feel that they can influence decisions that affect their local area
% of people who believe that people from different back grounds get on well together	
% of people who think that people in the area pull together to improve the local area	
Reduce offending & re-offending	Rate of first-time entrants to the Youth Justice System per 100,000 population*
	Re-offending levels - percentage of offenders who re-offend*
	Re-offending levels – average number of re-offences per offender*
	Re-offending rate of Prolific & Priority Offenders
	Re-offending rate of High Crime Causers
	% of Troubled Families who have reduced their offending behaviour

\*Indicators link to the Public Health Outcome Framework





Protecting local communities



CLEVELAND POLICE



Durham Tees Valley  
Community Rehabilitation Company

thirteen



**NHS**  
Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees  
Clinical Commissioning Group



National  
Probation  
Service





**Report of:** Chief Executive

**Subject:** BUSINESS REPORT

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## 1. BY-ELECTION RESULT

My previous report to Council noted the resignation of Ray Martin-Wells, as Ward Councillor for the Rural West Ward and that a by-election would be held on Thursday 12 July, 2018.

At that election Mike Young was duly elected to serve in the office of Councillor for that Ward until the local government elections in May, 2020.

Members are requested to note the election of Mike Young as Borough Councillor for the Rural West Ward.

## 2. COMMITTEE AND OUTSIDE BODY - VACANCIES

Members will recall my report to the June meeting of Council when it was agreed that the vacancies arising from the resignation of Ray Martin-Wells, and other vacancies, be reconsidered by Council after the by-election.

As the by-election has been held, the Conservative Committee and Outside Body vacancies arising from the resignation of Ray Martin-Wells are set out below together with the Conservative nomination which I have received for each of the vacancies:-

Finance and Policy Committee – Councillor Young  
Adult Services Committee – Councillor Young  
Regeneration Services Committee – Councillor Young  
Licensing Committee – **Chair** – Councillor Young  
Planning Committee – Councillor Young  
South and Central Community Forum – Councillor Young  
Cleveland Fire Authority – Councillor Young

The following Outside Body Vacancies remain:-

- Hartlepool and District Sports Council – 2 vacancies – Councillor Little has expressed an interest in one of the vacancies.
- Henry Smith Educational Charity – 1 vacancy
- Teesside Pension Board – 1 vacancy
- Victoria and Jubilee Homes – 2 vacancies

Resignations have been received resulting in the following additional vacancies:-

- Councillor Loynes - Fostering Panel (for the remainder of a three year term of office expiring in May 2020)
- Councillor Beck – Durham Tees Valley Airport Board

A number of additional vacancies arise following the resignation of Paul Beck as a Borough Councillor (item 4 refers).

Council is requested to note that Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting on 28 June 2018 made the following appointments:-

- Councillor Tennant - Vice-Chair of the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.
- The Chair of Audit and Governance Committee, Councillor Loynes and Councillor Hall to two of the three positions on the Durham Darlington and Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.
- Councillor Loynes - non-voting official observer to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

There were a number of outstanding vacancies which the Committee will reconsider at its next meeting.

### **3. SPECIAL URGENCY QUARTERLY REPORT**

In accordance with the requirements of the Access to Information Procedure Rule 22 of the Council's Constitution, Council is informed that that there was one special urgency decision taken in the period May 2018 – July 2018 which is summarised as follows:-

Decision Route -

Finance & Policy Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Reason(s) for Urgency -

Notification was received on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 from Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) that the Council had secured £15m of YEI contract value. Due to Purdah, this was the first opportunity to submit a report to Finance & Policy Committee.

A Project Change Request had to be submitted to DWP as a matter of urgency to secure £15m YEI contract value and approval was needed by Finance & Policy Committee for the contract to be accepted and the scheme to be extended. By forwarding this report as a matter of urgency to the meeting in May 2018 provided the Council with sufficient time for negotiations with DWP and enabled the extension to commence on schedule on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

#### **4. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR**

Council is aware of the resignation of Paul Beck as a Borough Councillor for the Hart Ward. A letter of resignation was received on 31 August 2018.

A notice of a casual vacancy arising through this resignation was published on 31 August 2018 and a by-election will be convened within thirty five working days from a request through two local government electors.

The resignation creates a series of vacancies as set out below:-

Audit and Governance Committee  
 Children's Services Committee, including Corporate Parent Forum  
 Vice Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee  
 Licensing Committee  
 Chair of North and Coastal Community Forum

Hartlepool and District Sports Council

Council's instructions are requested.

#### **5. PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

The Council's Constitution at Article 15 ("Review and Revision of the Constitution") requires that the Monitoring Officer "will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect." It was agreed by Council that in conducting a periodic review of the Council's Constitution a report should be submitted to the first ordinary meeting of Council in the new municipal year, unless otherwise directed by Council. Council resolved that ideally such a report should come before the September meeting (or a meeting approximate thereto) to ensure that any new councillors have undertaken their induction.

It has been necessary to change the date of the Constitution Committee from 31 August 2018 to 13 September 2018. At that meeting, the outcome of the Monitoring Officer's review will be considered. Therefore, the recommendations of the Constitution Committee will be reported to Council on 25 October 2018.

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# CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

1 JUNE 2018

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**PRESENT:**

**CHAIR**  
 Cllr Jan Brunton Dobson – Middlesbrough Council

**HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
 Councillors Marjorie James, Rob Cook

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**  
 Cllrs Teresa Higgins, Naweed Hussain, Tom Mawston

**REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
 Cllrs Neil Bendelow, Norah Cooney, Ray Goddard, Mary Ovens

**STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
 Cllrs Gillian Corr, Jean O'Donnell, Mick Stoker, William Woodhead MBE

**AUTHORISED OFFICERS**  
 Chief Fire Officer, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Legal Adviser and  
 Monitoring Officer, Treasurer

**IN ATTENDANCE**  
 Craig Drinkald, Service Liaison Officer, HMICFRS (Minute Nos 1 & 2.1)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Paul Kirton – Stockton Borough Council

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Clerk sought nominations for the position of Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority for 2018/19.

Councillor Jan Brunton Dobson was subsequently proposed and seconded with Councillors Cook and James abstaining. The Chair thanked Members for their nominations and for supporting continuity in the Authority for another year.

**RESOLVED – that Councillor Jan Brunton Dobson be appointed Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority for 2018/19.**

Councillor Brunton Dobson in the Chair

### 2. INTRODUCTION

#### 2.1 Service Liaison Officer, HMICFRS

The Chair suspended the meeting and introduced Craig Drinkald, Service Liaison Officer for Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and updated Members on the areas covered at the Chief and Chairs meeting which she attended in London on 30 May 2018.

#### 2.2 Resignation of Hartlepool Borough Council Member

The Chair resumed the meeting and informed Members that Councillor Ray Martin-Wells had resigned from Hartlepool Borough Council and subsequently there was a vacancy for a Hartlepool Member on the Authority. The Chair placed on record thanks to Councillor Martin-Wells for the support he had given the Authority.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

It was noted no Declarations of Interests were submitted to the meeting.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority for 2018/19. Councillor Jean O'Donnell was proposed and seconded with Councillors Cook and James abstaining.

**RESOLVED – that Councillor Jean O'Donnell be appointed as Vice Chair of Cleveland Fire Authority for 2018/19.**

**5. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 23 March 2018 be confirmed.**

**6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 11 May 2018 be confirmed.**

**7. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR**

David Blunt - Next Stages in the Incident Recording System (23 March)

Zoe Billingham - Publication of HMICFRS Inspection Programme & Framework 2018/19, Fire & Rescue Inspection Update – Judgement Criteria, Data Collection and Short Term Seconded Programme, FRS inspection updates.

Peter Holland CBE - Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) (Custodial Premises) Subordinate Provisions Order 2018

Chloe Dunnett - Revised Fire and Rescue National Framework for England, Professional Standards for Fire and Rescue Services in England

**RESOLVED – that the communications be noted.**

**8. REPORTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER AND MONITORING OFFICER**

**8.1 Business Report 2018-19**

The Legal Adviser and Monitoring Officer (LAMO) referred Members to The Constitution at Appendix A which included:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFA Membership 2018/19</li> <li>• Calendar of Meetings 2018/19</li> <li>• Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Delegation Scheme</li> <li>• Financial Procedure Rules</li> <li>• Code of Corporate Governance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing Orders of the Authority               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Regulation of Proceedings &amp; Business</li> <li>– Contract Procedure Rules</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Members Allowance Scheme</li> <li>• Ethical Governance Framework</li> <li>• Member Development Plan</li> </ul> |
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The LAMO reported that a request had been made by Middlesbrough Council that Members' home addresses be removed from the website and replaced with the council address instead. He asked Members from other councils to contact him directly should they also wish to use their council addresses. This also applied to any sensitive issues in the Register of Interests. He also reported that The Constitution would also be amended to reflect the resignation of the Councillor Ray Martin-Wells from Hartlepool Borough Council.

**8.1 Business Report 2018-19 (cont.)**

The LAMO outlined the nominations received for the ensuing year for Committees and Outside Bodies.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the Constitution as outlined at paragraph 3 and Appendix A be approved.
- (ii) That Member appointments to committees and outside bodies (as outlined in the table below) be approved.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 4-1-1-1**

LAB	BRUNTON DOBSON	MIDDLESBROUGH
LAB	O'DONNELL	STOCKTON ON TEES
LAB	COOK	HARTLEPOOL
LAB	GODDARD	REDCAR & CLEVELAND
CONS	WOODHEAD	STOCKTON ON TEES
LD	OVENS	REDCAR & CLEVELAND
IND	MAWSTON	MIDDLESBROUGH

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 6-2-1**

LAB	JAMES	HARTLEPOOL
LAB	HIGGINS	MIDDLESBROUGH
LAB	HUSSAIN	MIDDLESBROUGH
LAB	KIRTON	STOCKTON ON TEES
LAB	STOKER	STOCKTON ON TEES
LAB	BENDELOW	REDCAR & CLEVELAND
CONS	COONEY	REDCAR & CLEVELAND
CONS	TBC	HARTLEPOOL
IBIS	CORR	STOCKTON ON TEES

**REPRESENTATIVES FOR OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/19**

LGA FIRE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE	Cllr BRUNTON DOBSON
Substitute:	Cllr O'DONNELL
REDCAR & CLEVELAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE	Cllr BENDELOW
STOCKTON SAFER PARTNERSHIP REPN	Cllr STOKER
CLEVELAND FIRE SUPPORT NETWORK BOARD	Cllr HIGGINS
LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD	Cllr HIGGINS

**8.2 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement**

The LAMO referred Members to the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2017/18 at Appendix 1 which outlined the Authority's commitment to acting with integrity in all its business relationships to ensure compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

He reported that the Authority aimed to adopt a zero tolerance approach to slavery and human trafficking and all forms of corruption and bribery and not deal with any business knowingly involved in modern slavery practices in any part of its operations.

## 8.2 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement (cont.)

The LAMO confirmed that the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Forum had considered the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement at its meeting on 29 May 2018.

**RESOLVED - That the Authority's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement outlined at Appendix 1 be approved and published on the Brigade website.**

## 9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

### 9.1 Information Pack

9.1.1 National Joint Council Circulars

9.1.2 Campaigns

#### Easter Arson Campaign

The Chief Fire Officer (CFO) reported the success of the recent Easter Arson Campaign which saw a 50% decrease in accidental dwelling fires and 66% decrease in all deliberate fires compared to the same period last year.

Councillor James acknowledged the Brigade's recent success and supported the running of campaigns prior to and throughout school holiday periods. The CFO confirmed there was undoubtedly a correlation and the Brigade was currently taking a fresh look at its approach to arson.

Councillor Stoker asked whether drones could be used to support arson reduction. The CFO confirmed that Cleveland Police was currently exploring the procurement of a drone and if successful this could then be progressed.

**RESOLVED – that the information pack be noted.**

## 10. JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND TREASURER

### 10.1 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) - update

The Treasurer reported that the 2017-18 accounts had been finalised on 31 May and presented Members with details of the actual outturn and an update of the MTFS for 2019/20 to 2022/23. The report covered:-

- 2017/18 Actual Outturn
- Financial Risks 2018/19 and 2019/20
- Financial Risks 2020/21 and future years
- Business Rates retention and fair funding

The Treasurer reported a year end outturn higher than predicted owing to slightly higher vacancy savings, higher income from Government Top Up grants and the re-phasing of expenditure commitments to 2018/19, as detailed at section 4 of the report. This additional resource will enable the reserves earmarked to manage future risks to be increased from £2.913m to £3.342m.

He highlighted risks to the current budget year at Section 5 of the report which included the uncertainty of firefighter pay awards and the possibility they could exceed the provision included in the base budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19.



**10.1 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) – update (cont.)**

Future financial risks to the Authority post 2020/21 were reported at section 6 and included business rates retention, fair funding review, council tax referendum limits, pay awards and non-pay inflation and a summary of the potential impact on the Authority.

The Treasurer agreed to provide Members with further updates when more information was available to enable the Authority to roll the existing MTFS forward to cover the period 2019/20 to 2022/23.

**RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

**11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION ORDER) 2006**

**RESOLVED - “That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 below of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006”, namely information relating to any financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) holding that information and namely information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.**

**12. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED – that the confidential minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 23 March 2018 be confirmed.**

**13. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED – that the Confidential Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 11 May 2018 be confirmed.**

**COUNCILLOR JAN BRUNTON DOBSON  
CHAIR**

## Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

A meeting of Cleveland Police and Crime Panel was held on Tuesday, 6th February, 2018.

**Present:** Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E(Chair), Cllr Charles Rooney(Vice-Chairman), Cllr David Coupe, Cllr David Harrington, Tracey Harvey, Cllr Dave Hunter, Cllr Ian Jeffrey, Cllr Chris Jones, Cllr Jim Lindridge, Mr Paul McGrath, Cllr Matthew Vickers and Cllr David Wilburn.

**Officers:** Julie Butcher, Judy Trainer, Peter Bell (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council).

**Also in attendance:** Barry Coppinger (Commissioner), Simon Dennis, Joanne Hodgkinson, Elise Pout (Commissioner's Office), Assistant Chief Constable Adrian Roberts (Cleveland Police).

**Apologies:** Cllr Alec Brown, Cllr Tom Mawston and Cllr Katie Trueman.

### **1 Welcome and Evacuation Procedure**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the evacuation procedure was noted.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

### **3 Andrew Dyne - Independent Member of the Panel**

Members were informed that Andrew Dyne had resigned from the Panel.

The Chair thanked Andrew for all of the hard work that he had done while being a Panel Member.

### **3 Minutes of the meetings held on 15 November 2017 and 23 January 2018**

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meetings held on 15 November 2017 and 23 January 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 15 November 2017 and 23 January 2018 be approved.

### **4 Appointment of Chief Constable**

Consideration was given to a report that updated members of the outcome of the Chief Constable appointment process.

The Police and Crime Commissioner was required to notify the Police and Crime Panel of a proposed Chief Constable appointment (as set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011).

It was the duty of the Police and Crime Panel to hold a public confirmation hearing and review the proposed appointment and make recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Police and Crime Commissioner must respond to the report and recommendations of the Panel.

The Police and Crime Panel held a confirmation hearing on Tuesday 23rd January 2018. The Police and Crime Commissioner proposed Mike Veale as the preferred candidate for appointment as Chief Constable.

The nine Police and Crime Panel members present at the hearing confirmed the appointment. Appended to the report was a copy of the Commissioner's public decision record, the panel's statutory report to the Commissioner and his statutory response.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner were concluding the process of appointment and following discussions with Mr Veale and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and a start date of 5 March 2018 had been agreed.

There had been mixed media coverage in relation to the appointment of Mr Veale. The Commissioner aligned himself with the sentiments expressed by the Chief Constable of Durham (Northern Echo, 27 January 2018) attached to the report, in which Mr Veale's appointment was warmly welcomed as "a fantastic appointment, not just for the people of Cleveland, but also for County Durham and Darlington".

The report drew members' attention to the tributes paid to Mr Veale in Wiltshire in the light of his departure, including from the Wiltshire PCC in the following terms "Mike Veale has been an excellent Chief Constable and has guided Wiltshire Police through immense change to a position where it is amongst the top performing forces in the country."

The Commissioner regretted the fact that there had been some less well-informed commentary, particularly relating to an anonymous complaint made against Mr Veale before he applied for the role of Chief Constable of Cleveland. Members were reassured that Mr Veale had made him aware of the complaint before his appointment, as was perfectly proper. As was also perfectly proper, the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire provided an update on the handling of the complaint soon after the key decisions had been communicated to them by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC). It followed that the Chief Executive was able to update the Commissioner on the nature and procedural status of the complaint before the process of appointment was complete.

The Chief Executive was responsible for ensuring that the Commissioner's decisions were lawful and was specifically responsible under the College of Policing guidance on Chief Officer appointments, for ensuring the principles of merit, fairness and openness were adhered to throughout the design and delivery of the appointment process, advising and assisting the PCC throughout the appointment process, ensuring that the appointment process was properly conducted and in line with responsibilities and requirements outlined in legislation and ensuring appropriate monitoring of the appointment process.

Following contact from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire on 22 January 2018, the Chief Executive advised the Commissioner that the complaint against Mr Veale was from an anonymous complainant and consisted of two parts. Firstly, an allegation of disclosure of confidential information; secondly an allegation that a mobile phone belonging to Wiltshire Police was deliberately damaged by Chief Constable Veale.

The complaints had been referred by the Wiltshire OPCC, to the IOPC in November 2017. On or around 22 January 2018, the IOPC determined that the first complaint was insufficient to indicate either a criminal offence or a breach of professional standards may have been committed. That matter was referred back to the Wiltshire OPCC and was understood to have been concluded on the basis of no further action. In the case of the second allegation, the IOPC had indicated that they intended to independently investigate the alleged damage to the mobile phone.

At the time of being notified by the Wiltshire OPCC, the Chief Executive was satisfied that the IOPC decision had only just been made, that Mr Veale had not been served with notice of the investigation and that the IOPC did not at that time intend to make any public announcement of the investigation.

It was important to note that the allegation related solely to damage occasioned to a mobile phone. Mr Veale had not, at the time of his confirmation hearing before Members, been served with Notice nor had he had the opportunity to respond to the allegation by offering an account to the investigation. In response to a Member's question, the Chief Executive confirmed that he had taken the view that Mr Veale could not therefore fairly have been asked about it in public and that all questions to him at the confirmation hearing had to be dealt with in public session. The Member asked whether that view was likely to be the one taken by other Chief Executives in such circumstances. The Chief Executive indicated that whilst he could not speak for others, he would be surprised if other Chief Executives took a different view of the legal position. The Commissioner understood that Mr Veale had not yet (at the time that the Commissioner preparing the current report to the Panel) been served with notice of the investigation by the IOPC. Mr Veale would provide his account to the IOPC when that happened.

The Commissioner was sure that Members would agree that ordinary principles of fairness dictated that due process be followed.

In view of the adverse public commentary, the Commissioner had, prior to today's meeting, discussed this matter with the Chair of the Panel who expressed support for the course taken and the advice provided by the Chief Executive.

It was not unusual for Chief Officers to be on the receiving end of complaints. Unless and until a complaint was fairly and thoroughly investigated, it was not fair to officers or to the public to make any comment about the substance of the matter.

The Commissioner did not agree with the suggestions he had heard that Mr Veale's appointment should be affected by the existence of the complaint.

The Commissioner's view was that Mr Veale was an outstanding Chief Constable for Cleveland and looked forward to him taking up the role in March 2018.

The Commissioner distributed a letter that he had sent to the Tees Valley Mayor in response to the Tees Valley Mayor's recent comments that he had made with regard to the appointment of Mr Veale.

The Chair felt that it was a strongly worded letter but the Commissioner had no option but to respond to the recent comments by the Tees Valley Mayor. The Chair had also put out a press release because she felt that the comments from the Tees Valley Mayor were aimed at the Panel as well as the Commissioner as the Panel had ratified the decision to appoint Mr Veale and had said strongly that Mr Veale was the best person for the job and the Panel had every confidence in Mr Veale.

Members discussed the contents of the letter from the Commissioner, the anonymous complaint made about Mr Veale and a comment that had been attributed by the media to Mr Veale.

With regard to the anonymous complaint, Members requested that a detailed response about the IOPC and its deliberation be circulated to the Panel as soon as it is received.

With regard to the a comment that had been attributed by the media to Mr Veale the Commissioner reported that when Mr Veale takes up his post at Cleveland he would be willing to make a statement.

A motion was moved by Councillor Harrington and seconded by Councillor Rooney that the Panel supported the contents of the letter that had been sent to the Tees Valley Mayor from the Commissioner.

A vote took place and the motion was agreed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **5 Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan - Update**

Consideration was given to a report that updated Members with the Police and Crime Commissioner's intention to refresh the Cleveland Police and Crime Plan.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland's Police and Crime Plan was a statutory document. Requirements for the plan were set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Policing Protocol Order 2011. This plan must have regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) issued by the Home Secretary.

The PCC had a duty to keep his plan under review and in particular to review the plan in the light of any changes in the SPR and any report or recommendations made to the PCC by the Police and Crime Panel.

Barry Coppinger was re-elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland on Friday 6th May 2016. The Commissioners manifesto included a 5 point community safety plan that had been used as a basis upon which to develop the current 2016 – 2020 Police and Crime Plan.

The Police and Crime Commissioner had recently appointed a new Chief Constable for Cleveland Police. The Commissioner was keen to ensure that Cleveland Police constantly evolved and improved the services to the communities. The Commissioner would like to use the appointment as an opportunity to look again at the Plan and work in partnership with the Chief Constable on a Plan refresh.

The Commissioner would maintain his commitment to the five objectives set out in the existing plan:

- Investing in our police
- A better deal for victims and witnesses
- Tackling re-offending
- Working together to make Cleveland safer
- Securing the future of our communities

The Commissioner would like the opportunity to consult extensively on the revised draft plan with Cleveland Police and partners.

The Commissioner had attended over 500 local meetings across the Cleveland Police area and had used and would continue to use this engagement mechanism to further develop police and crime objectives.

The Commissioner proposed that the draft refresh of the Police is considered by the Panel in July 2018.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **6 Task and Finish Group – Overall Budget Strategy**

Consideration was given to a report from the Task and Finish Group – Overall Budget Strategy.

The Task and Finish Group was established to understand the key issues and financial pressures as part of the budget setting process in order to inform the work of the Panel and PCC.

This included both the longer term financial planning process and the impact of the Government grant settlement. This settlement was announced during the timescale of the Group's work.

The Task and Finish Group met on 18 December 2017 to receive information about the Police and Crime Commissioner's overall budget strategy for 2017/18. Discussion took place about funding and planning assumptions, total funding

projections and funding pressures.

The Group met again on 19 January 2018 following the settlement from the Government and discussed the proposed precept increase with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The report provided detail of the evidence considered and questions that were raised for discussion with the PCC prior to consideration by the Police and Crime Panel.

RESOLVED that the Task and Finish Group support the proposal of the PCC to set the Band D Police Element of the Council Tax within Cleveland for 2018/19 at £226.54; an increase of £12, or 5.59% over the 2017/18 level.

## **7 Precept proposals for 2018/19**

Consideration was given to a report on the precept proposals for 2018/19.

Legislation required that the Commissioner agrees his budget and associated precept and basic council tax for the forthcoming year before 1st March each year. However before doing so the Commissioner must notify the Panel of the precept which he proposed to issue for the following year.

The balance of the cost of the police service not paid for by central government is met by local taxpayers through a precept on their council tax. In Cleveland this will equate to just over 25% of the overall income that I will receive in 2018/19. It is the responsibility of the four local billing authorities to collect this.

In making his proposal on the Police precept the Commissioner had taken into account the following:

- The views of the public of Cleveland
- The financial impact on the people of Cleveland.
- The financial needs of the organisation as currently projected both for 2018/19 and in the future.
- The limits imposed by the Government on a precept increase before a referendum would be triggered in Cleveland.
- The Commissioner had discussed his proposals with both the Chief Constable and engaged and consulted with the public on the options available to him.

With regard to the Provisional 2018-19 Police Finance Settlement the main points were as follows:

- Precept flexibility to increase the level of Band D precept by up to £12 for all PCCs (or equivalents) in 2018-19
- Flat cash grant funding (i.e. the same allocations as in 2017-18 for Home Office Core Police Settlement)
- Updated assumptions around tax base growth – now assuming tax bases with grow by 1.34% in England.

- Including these assumptions on council tax and based on the 1.5% GDP deflator (the Government measure of inflation), the resulting settlement, including council tax, represents a “real terms” increase for all between 2017-18 and 2018-19
- £450m additional funding for the service – includes £130m additional reallocation and approximately £147m as a result of additional council tax flexibilities.
- £50m additional counter Terrorism funding and the remaining £123m can be considered as “new money”.
- The minister’s letter to PCCs refers to this additional funding in addition to identified efficiency savings of up to £100m (procurement) to enable “appropriate provision for likely cost increases next year”.

In line with good planning the assumptions remained under review and were updated with the best information available and it was expected that the LTFP for 2018/19 and beyond would assume the following:

- Pay Awards: 2% increase p.a.
- Precept: Increases of:
  - 2018/19 - £12 or 5.59%
  - 2019/20 - £12 or 5.29%
  - 2020/21 - £4.75 or 1.99%
  - 2021/22 - £4.84 or 1.99%
- Tax Base increases 1.0% per annum, Collection Surplus £250k p.a.
- Government Grants: Frozen until 2019/20 and the increases of 2% thereafter
- Impact of Funding Formula review – Nil

Based on the revised assumptions, and the information received and forecast around other areas of funding, then the entire funding expected to be available to the Commissioner for the next 4 years, in comparison to 2016/17 and 2017/18, was detailed within the report.

The precept calculations based on the proposed £12 increase and the proposed council tax rate for each property band was detailed within the report.

Since the announcement of the Provisional Finance Settlement, and the limits and options around precept proposals for 2018/19, the Commissioner had been consulting with the public on their opinions in relation to an increase of £12 per annum for the ‘Police’ element of their Council Tax Bill. The details of the consultation exercise and the consultation results were detailed within the report.

The Commissioner had considered various options and various factors in deliberating on his proposal for precept in 2018/19. He had taken into account the needs for the continued delivery of Policing and Crime services within Cleveland. He had spoken with the Chief Constable and had consulted with the public. Based on these views and the financial needs of the organisation over the medium term the Commissioner formally propose a precept increase of £12



on a Band D property for 2018/19.

To aid the Panel in considering his proposal on Precept the following was attached to the report:

- Draft Budget based on a £12 Precept Increase
- Draft Capital Budget
- A copy of the presentation that the Commissioner was giving to the local councils and that was also discussed with the Finance Scrutiny panel set up by the Police and Crime Panel.

A vote took place and the recommendation was agreed.

RESOLVED that the Panel supports the Commissioner's proposed precept of Band D Police Element of the Council Tax within Cleveland for 2018/19 at £226.54. This is an increase of £12, or 5.59% over the 2017/18 level.

## **8 Members' Questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Members were given the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session with the PCC. This session could be summarised as follows:

The Chair asked about the recent incident at Hartlepool with regard the vicious dog that had been destroyed by use of a police fire arm.

The Assistant Chief Constable Adrian Roberts responded that there had been a level of concern from the public with regard to the incident and that all of the facts had not yet been established but the basic details were that the Police had been engaged in an incident where a Caucasian Shepherd dog had been tethered to a post on industrial land close to a residential area. The dog was acting viciously and was unapproachable. The Police tried to resolve the incident for over 6 hours with officers from the local authority, police dog section staff, the RSPCA and a local vet. The collective view from all parties was no party had any capability to safely manage the dog and with the passage of time the concern was that the dog could break free from the tether which would have clearly represented a danger to public safety. So ultimately with regret the decision was made to destroy the dog by use of police firearm. This decision was taken as a last resort and was not taken lightly. Towards the end of February 2018 there would be a de-brief of the incident. The Police would also look at whether if a future incident took place in similar circumstances it could have a less lethal option available to it to tranquilise the animal. With regard to this incident no agency could deliver a tranquiliser type shot to the animal over the distance that was required.

RESOLVED that the session be noted.

## **9 Commissioner's Update**

Consideration was given to a report that provided Members with an update in relation to key matters including;

- COPACC Transparency Award

- Community Safety Awards
- Foodbank Collections
- Local Criminal Justice Partnership Plan Launch
- Human Trafficking Network and Modern Day Slavery
- Sexual Assault Referral Centre and Restorative Justice contracts
- Domestic Violence Whole System Approach progress update
- Building a Stronger Britain Together
- Public Health and partners approach to violence reduction
- North East Region Serious and Organised Crime Unit

A member raised the issue of Domestic Violence Scrap the Letter Legal Aid Campaign and asked if the Commissioner would support the campaign. The Commission responded that he had supported the campaign in the past would support it in the future.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **10 PCC's Scrutiny Programme and Performance Report**

Consideration was given to a report that provided Members with an update on the PCC's scrutiny programme and to present the performance report of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police and Crime Plan.

The Commissioner's objectives were as follows:

- Investing in our Police;
- A Better Deal for Victims and Witnesses;
- Tackling Re-offending;
- Working Together to Make Cleveland Safer; and
- Securing the Future of our Communities.

The report updated Members on performance associated with the delivery of the Commissioner's objectives, the wider aspects of the Police and Crime Plan and his statutory responsibilities.

Holding the Chief Constable to account is the key duty of the Police & Crime Commissioner and must encompass all of the functions of the Chief Constable and functions of those who were under the Chief Constable's direction and control.

The scrutiny of the Force was one of the main responsibilities of the Commissioner as set out in the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Delivered through the Commissioner's standards and scrutiny programme effective checks and balances were undertaken through a schedule of regular meetings.

The details and minutes of the meetings that the Commissioner had held since the last meeting of the Panel were detailed and attached to the report. In addition to these meetings, the Commissioner continued to attend meetings to complement his scrutiny programme. Details of these meetings was contained within the report.

Attached to the report was the overview of the performance information from the Police and Crime Plan.

A Member asked if the sickness absence figures and the recorded crime figures that had been provided previously would be provided to Members in the future. The Commissioner responded that he would bring a report to a future meeting of the Panel on sickness absence. With regard to the recorded crime figures the Legal Officer to the Panel responded that discussions had taken place with officers from the PCC office and it was felt that the presentation that was given to Members prior to the meeting was a starting point for outlining the way forward for Members as it was felt that it wasn't within the remit of the Panel to scrutinise the crime figures. Any crime figures that the Police did have were subject to the Freedom of Information Act and the exemptions that apply to that.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **11 Programme of Engagement for the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Consideration was given to a report that provided Members with a brief update in relation to meetings attended by the PCC from November 2017 to January 2018. Future meetings of the Commissioner were summarised.

The Commissioner's consultation and engagement activities focused on increasing understanding of the communities of Cleveland, ensuring clear and consistent communication with the public and ensuring effective consultation and community engagement.

The Commissioner attended a number of meetings on a regular basis with key partners, stakeholders and residents from across the Cleveland area.

In addition to this the Commissioner had attended many regional and national meetings representing Cleveland.

Meetings of note over the coming weeks included:

- Mini Police Closing ceremony – 8th February
- Eston Hills Operational Group - 21st February
- Hartlepool Face the Public event - 26th February

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **12 Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Consideration was given to a report that provided the Panel with an update on decisions made Commissioner and the Forward Plan.

The Commissioner made all decisions unless specifically delegated within the Scheme of Consent / Delegation. All decisions demonstrated that they were soundly based on relevant information and that the decision making process was open and transparent.

In addition, a forward plan was attached to the report and published on the PCC website which included items requiring a decision in the future.

Each decision made by the Commissioner was recorded on a decision record form with supporting background information appended. Once approved it was published on the PCC website.

Decisions relating to private / confidential matters would be recorded; although, it may be appropriate that full details were not published.

Decisions made since the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel were attached to the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**13 Task and Finish Group – Tackling Off-Road Bike Nuisance – Verbal Update**

Members were provided with a verbal update on Task and Finish Group – Tackling Off-Road Bike Nuisance.

The work of the Group would continue and would report back to a future meeting of the Panel.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**14 Forward Plan**

Members were presented with the Forward Plan for the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan for the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel be noted.

**15 Public Questions**

Members were informed that there were no public questions.