

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DATE	12 July 2021
REPORT OF	Chief Executive
SUBJECT	Progress report for OPCC
STATUS	Open

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Police and Crime Panel with an update on the work of the OPCC.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members of the Police and Crime Panel use this report as background information to support oversight of the work of the PCC.

3. ELECTION

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Jonathan Evison has been elected as the new Police and Crime Commissioner for the Humberside Police force area taking office from Thursday 13th May 2021. Mr Evison will serve for three years, the next scheduled election is in May 2024. The election required second preference vote count and the final results were as follows;

Jonathan Evison (Con)	79,534
Keith Hunter (Lab)	71,615
Turnout - 22.92%	

5. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

The PCC is required to publish a Police and Crime Plan as soon as possible after the election. The Police and Crime Plan is the key strategic document of interest to all partners delivering community safety.

The process of partner, public and ratepayer consultation is currently under way. To date we have approximately 1000 respondents to the online survey. The survey has been shared through all relevant social media channels and directly on line. In addition approximately 530 letters have been sent to parties of interest to highlight the consultation period and encourage feedback. The public consultation ends on 11 July 2021, and partners have also been given until mid-July to respond.

The PCC intends to present a draft Police and Crime Plan to the Police and Crime Panel in September 2021, with a view to finalising and launching it shortly afterwards.

The key themes for consultation are as follows;

Engaged, Resilient & Inclusive Communities	Safer Communities	Effective Organisations
People proactively engaged in volunteering to improve the safety and resilience of their area.	Young people educated to prevent them being impacted by crime.	Explore opportunities that new technology can offer to improve community safety
Service delivery focussed on building trust and confidence in rural and urban areas.	Long term, evidence based solutions working with partners to address perpetrators of violence.	Consider sustainability and environmental impact in all we do.
Clear routes to raise their concerns and are part of the solution.	Understanding of the impact of drugs and methods to reduce supply and demand.	Proactively seek additional resources for the area, spend public money wisely and monitor the wider social value of investment.
Effective support for those impacted by crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.	Partners working together to reduce the risk of high harm offending and reoffending.	Make a wider contribution to policing through the Strategic Policing Requirement and through working collaboratively.
Agencies working together using a place based approach.	Roads that are safer for all users.	An employer of choice.

Work is also ongoing on how these outcomes can be measured to ensure the public can clearly see the progress being made, supporting confidence. The OPCC is asking partners to share information on the data available to them and would welcome a discussion to explore this further.

6. HOLDING TO ACCOUNT

The PCC, Jonathan Evison has reviewed the arrangements in place for holding the force to account. He has met with all senior force representatives through the informal assurance meetings and has held his first formal Accountability Board.

The Action Schedule for the board is published on our website and a copy of it is available as an appendix to this report for information.

7. STRUCTURAL CHANGES

The OPCC is in consultation with five members of staff regarding compulsory redundancy to alter the structure to best meet the needs of the new PCC.

The PCC has made clear his view to be the face of engagement for the OPCC and that he needs to build relationships himself with strategic partners and the public. He has also made clear his intention to spend less time on national portfolio work and focus his efforts on areas of business that directly impact at a local level. This is a shift from the model that was required previously and as such the Chief Executive has presented the PCC with a proposed structure that loses 5 posts associated with activities required in the old model.

The OPCC is looking to bring in an additional post as an Apprentice in the coming weeks and the advertisement is in the process of going live. This post will sit within the Statutory Operations Team.

8. PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership working is a key part of operating as a PCC and being effective and demonstrating impact. The PCC has been meeting with various stakeholders over the last six weeks to enable effective partnerships to build and continue.

Part of the work we do within the OPCC is providing funding through to community safety initiatives. Significant investment has been made by the previous PCC through Community Safety Partnerships. The new PCC is reviewing the arrangements for this and considering options for how he can best ensure value for money, transparency and evidence good practice and governance.

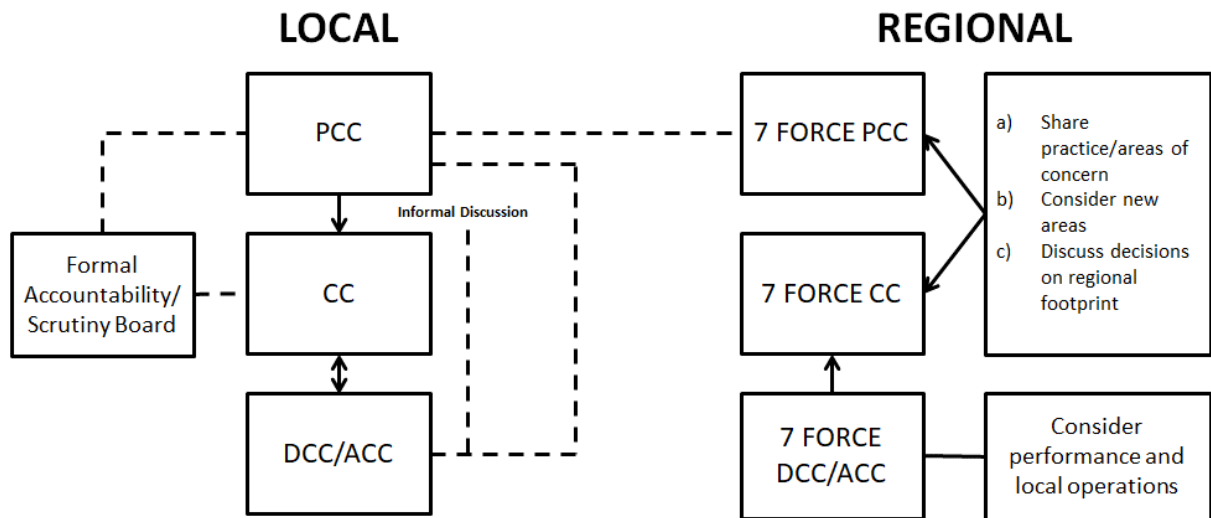
The Commissioning team within the OPCC continue to seek out opportunities to lever additional resources into the Humberside area. The team have been successful in attracting a further £430k investment through Safer Streets 2 programme for a programme of work in North East Lincolnshire. Several other bids have been submitted across a range of activities that we will report back in due course. The PCC has been clear in having high aspirations to leveraging additional resources and working with partners to effectively make a difference.

9. COLLABORATION

There are arrangements in place for the networking of Police and Crime Commissioners across the North East force area. This allows for exchanging of information where police forces have arrangements in place for collaborations which occur on a regional basis. The first meeting of newly elected PCC's has taken place. The outcome of this was that Jonathan agreed he would become the North East PCC representative for the National Police Air Service collaboration.

In addition we are enhancing the way in which we have local oversight for regional collaborations.

The work undertaken to date has led to selection of the three largest areas of collaboration to focus on first (National Police Air Service – NPAS, Regional Crime, and Forensics), looking at confidence around whether those services provide value for money. Discussions are ongoing regionally around how to fill the reporting ‘gap’ and a draft model has been proposed:



10. CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

PCC Jonathan Evison has taken the role of chair of the Humberside Criminal Justice Board. The board met on the 22nd June 2021 and covered various areas of business including re-offending rates, development of a victim’s hub and compliance with the victim’s code of practice, probation unification and future development of the board to cover national and local themes.

11. SPECIAL CONSTABLES

The PCC has been clear that he is committed to encouraging the use of volunteers and as such welcomes that the force have committed to continued work with the Special Constabulary. At the end of the 2020/21 period there were 152 officers, with an aspiration to increase the number to 250 officers by January 2022.

We now have all 4 unitary authorities supporting officers through Council Tax discount. This initiative goes a long way to encouraging officers to remain as Special Constables, eligibility criteria applies. The table overleaf shows the current claims at the end of the 2020/21 fiscal period.

Location	Number of Officers	Those eligible to claim
Hull	53	24 (45%)
East Riding	25	13 (52%)
North East Lincolnshire	23	7 (30%)
North Lincolnshire	20	8 (40%)
SOU	7	2 (28%)
Training	19	(12 on completion of training)
HQ	5	2 (40%)
Total	152	56 (36%)

Activity from 2020/21 as follows:

	Recruited	Male	Female	Leavers	Re-Joined as a Regular
Hull	16	8	8	10	3 (30%)
East Riding	13	8	5	10	7 (70%)
North East Lincolnshire	8	6	2	3	1 (33%)
North Lincolnshire	6	2	4	7	3 (42%)
SOU				1	1 (100%)
Total	43	24	19	31	15 (48%)

The number of duty hours committed by Special Constabulary officers over the 2020/21 period was 44,245.77 against a target of 25,728.00. This clearly demonstrates the commitment of the officers that the force have within the ranks of the Special Constabulary.

12. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VWAG)

The OPCC are moving forward with programmes of work with a focus on the topic of VWAG. A national strategy is expected from government on this which we will endeavour to ensure locally we are able to contribute towards. Working with the force and key partners we are being proactive in tackling high harm crime areas such as Domestic Abuse and shifting the focus from being just on victim recovery to proactively targeting interventions at perpetrators of violence.

We have just commissioned Dr Jessica Taylor from Victim Focus to undertake a survey with women in our area on the extent to which they have been subjected to violence and if this was reported. The survey replicates the question set that was asked of women in a national survey and will provide useful insight to where we may need to target further interventions and improve confidence to report.

13. NOT IN OUR COMMUNITY (NIOC)

The PCC continues to invest in the Not in Our Community platform which has been recognised for its contribution to educating young people of the dangers of criminal and sexual exploitation. www.notinourcommunity.org

Throughout June there were a series of new resources released through the brand raising awareness of county lines and other dangers. As part of this a new interactive e-learning platform has been added to the suite of resources to allow teachers, parents and other professional engaging with young people to provide them individual accounts where they can track the progress of a young person in working through resources.

The PCC is considering how we market the resources better into schools for greater engagement with the materials available. The quality of the films and resources has been applauded by those that use the materials and the young people that work with our partners to create the materials have demonstrated a great degree of professionalism and talent.

14. SAY NO TO FRAUD

A campaign to raise the awareness of Fraud, how to spot the signs and avoid becoming a victim, has been launched by the PCC. In the Humberside Police area 7471 victims lost £13.8 million in 2019/20.

The impact on a victim of fraud can be considerable and have a huge impact on their confidence and wellbeing as well as their financial situation. The new campaign features the real stories of local victims of fraud and aims to reduce the number of victims by committing to increase knowledge of the types of fraud, the methods used by the criminals and advice on how to protect yourself and those you love from becoming a victim of these crimes.

We have asked our communities to take 5 minutes to talk about fraud with people you care about. Some victims of fraud are embarrassed and might find it embarrassing to tell anyone, because they feel they have been duped, victims often blame themselves for being scammed. As a result of this we have committed to remove the word 'Scam' from our vocabulary in respect of this and future fraud campaigns. Whilst our office staff became Scambassadors through Friends Against Scams training run by national Trading Standards, we began to recognise that there is an element of victim-blaming and minimising the crime when using the word Scam. We opted to talk about Fraud as the serious crime it actually is. It is never the victims fault, they have had their money stolen by unscrupulous criminals who will target them again and again using different methods.

More information can be found on social media #SayNoToFraud and online at www.saynotofraud.uk

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