

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIRMAN TO JULIA MULLIGAN, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER, ON HER DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

INTRODUCTION

1. This report describes the views of the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel in respect of the Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan 2013-2016 for North Yorkshire. It is submitted to the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of section 28(3) (6) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the Act).
2. The Panel would like to thank you for attending its meeting on Thursday, 9 October 2014 and for the responses you provided to the wide variety of questions and issues that panel embers raised. The Panel found this a helpful discussion.
3. The report expresses the Panel's preparedness to support the draft plan as submitted, and also sets out the Panel's comments on some specific points that it wishes to bring to your attention.
4. Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act requires Police and Crime Commissioners to issue a Police and Crime Plan by 31 March 2013. The steps which the Act requires the Commissioner to take prior to issuing the Plan include requirements to:
 - send the draft plan to the relevant Police and Crime Panel;
 - have regard to any report or recommendations made by the Panel in relation to the draft plan;
 - give the Panel a response to any such report or recommendations; and
 - publish any such response.
5. The Panel is required to review the draft plan and to make a report or recommendations on it to the Commissioner. The Panel had particular regard to the following matters which are required to be included in such plans:
 - the Commissioner's police and crime objectives;
 - the policing of the police area which the Chief Constable is to provide;

- financial and other resources which the elected local policing body is to provide to the chief officer of police for the chief officer to exercise the functions of chief officer;
- the means by which the Chief Constable reports to the Commissioner;
- the means by which the Chief Constable's performance in providing policing will be measured;
- the crime and disorder reduction grants which the elected local policing body is to make, and the conditions (if any) to which such grants are to be made.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

6. The membership of the Panel for the 9 October meeting was as follows:

Cllr Margaret Atkinson	Harrogate Borough Council
Cllr Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff	Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr Fiona Fitzpatrick	City of York Council
Cllr Mick Griffiths	Richmondshire District Council
Cllr Eric Hope	Ryedale District Council
Cllr Gillian Ivey	Selby District Council
Cllr Carl Les	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Simon Myers	Craven District Council
Cllr Mark Robson	Hambleton District Council
Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing	City of York Council
Cllr Helen Flynn	Co-Opted Elected Member
Professor Gary Craig	Community Member
Santokh Singh Sidhu	Community Member

PANEL VIEWS

7. The Panel acknowledged that your Police and Crime Plan is a refreshed version of the one you produced last year and differs not just in content, but also in style and approach. In particular, Panel Members made the following points:
- They understood and supported the rationale for the selection and setting of the four key priorities;
 - It is pleasing to see the attention in the report on the importance of tackling hate crime. Members especially appreciated your recognition of the consequences of the night time economy on particular sections of the community, for example ethnic groupings and the LGBT community. Whilst you have reflected the importance of tackling 'race' hate crime - particularly for those minority ethnic groups who are more vulnerable e.g. Chinese origin people, and Muslims - by making it an objective in the plan, some Members did hold the view, however, that this issue could justifiably be given greater emphasis.
 - For a number of reasons, but especially because it gives people the opportunity to see what is being done to help them "feel safe and be safe", Members like the way information is presented in the form of local plans for local areas.

PANEL DECISION

8. Other points made, which you agreed to consider including in the final narrative, included:
- Clarifying the availability of the SMS text service for both emergency and non-emergency issues for all callers including deaf, hearing and speech impaired people.
 - The merits of explaining the Panel's role and providing appropriate contact details.
9. Given that the above two points were more observations than outright recommendations and that at the meeting you agreed to take these comments on board, the Panel did not ask me to take the step of setting them out as a formal recommendation.
10. I am, therefore, happy to confirm the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel's support for your Police and Crime Plan 2013-2016.

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Chairman, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

10 October 2014