

# NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

## REPORT OF THE PANEL CHAIRMAN

### TO THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

#### DRAFT POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2017/20

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This report describes the views and recommendations of the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel in respect of the Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020. It is submitted to the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of section 28(3) 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 16 March 2017 and the responses which you provided to the wide variety of questions and issues that Panel Members raised.
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 for further consideration when finalising the Plan for publication.

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4. Section 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act requires Police and Crime Commissioners to issue a Police and Crime Plan by the end of the financial year in which an election for Commissioner has been held; in this case by 31 March 2017. 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.
6. The Panel considered the draft Police and Crime Plan for North Yorkshire at its meeting on 16 March 2017.

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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

7. The membership of the Panel for the 16 March 2017 meeting was as follows:

Craven District Council	Cllr Tanya Graham
Hambleton District Council	Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Harrogate Borough Council	Cllr Michael Chambers MBE
North Yorkshire County Council	Cllr Carl Les
Richmondshire District Council	Cllr Helen Grant
Scarborough Borough Council	Cllr Sandra Turner
City of York Council	Cllr Ashley Mason
City of York Council	Cllr Peter Dew

The Panel was also joined by Cllr Tony Richardson (City of York Council), attending in his capacity as appointee observer to the Panel from the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

## PANEL VIEWS

8. The Panel would firstly like to commend the easy-to-read style and layout of the draft Plan, which we feel will be readily comprehensible for partners and the public alike.
9. The draft Plan is clearly set out within the context of four key objectives under which there are a number of more specific outcomes to be achieved by 2020. The particular emphasis across all objectives on the core values of care, compassion and responsiveness in dealing with the community and within the policing 'family' itself, is welcome. This sets a tone and approach which gives a clear message about North Yorkshire striving to develop and adapt its 21<sup>st</sup> Century Police Service.
10. Clearly, the Panel's statutory role going forward will be to make sure that adequate progress is being made against the Plan as set out by the Commissioner. The Panel appreciates the Commissioner's approach in not seeking to construct an unduly complex benchmarking framework around this Plan. However, there will need to be robust measurement of the objectives, albeit through a more proportionate approach, and the Panel would like to see further evidence of how this approach is developing and being tested over the course of the next year.

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11. The Panel would like to thank you for the full responses provided to the more specific queries and points raised by Members at the meeting, which are summarised below.
12. The Panel welcomes the key aspiration of the draft Plan to work towards North Yorkshire being an 'exemplary' service by 2021. However, Members queried whether this aspiration would be wholly realistic in the context of delivering solid improvements to the 101 service, which has met with challenges on both a local and national level. The Panel noted from our discussions with you that there is a clear plan in place to help tackle some of the issues experienced by users of the 101. Moreover, that there is a broader plan to develop the way that the Police is accessible to the public and that part of the aspiration of moving towards a 21<sup>st</sup> Century service is around looking at how to be contactable and responsiveness in various ways. The Panel looks forward to giving more detailed attention to developments surrounding the 101 service in the coming months.
13. The Panel also welcomed the Commissioner's commitment to enhance the diversity of the policing workforce, particularly as this issue had recently been highlighted by the Panel in its review of the 2016 HMIC report on Police Legitimacy in North Yorkshire.
14. In addition, the Panel were encouraged by the commitment to build on the success of recent initiatives surrounding identification of vulnerability at point of contact with members of the public. This was particularly noted to be critical in relation to early identification of mental health issues.
15. Panel members also made the following specific points under the draft section on "Local Policing", which you agreed to amend ahead of publication of the final version of the Plan. These are points intended purely to bring greater clarity and accuracy to the current text:
  - Richmondshire policing impacts: The draft refers to the largest army base stationed in Catterick but this should more accurately read as Catterick Garrison.
  - York top public concerns: There is a daytime drinking culture in York which presents as much of an issue for the relevant agencies to tackle as any anti-social behaviour related to the night-time economy. This could therefore be more roundly reflected in the narrative.

### **PANEL DECISION**

16. At the meeting you agreed to take the above suggestions on board and consider appropriate changes to the plan. Given this undertaking, the Panel did not consider it needed to take the formal step of setting these out as a formal recommendation.

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17. I am happy therefore to confirm the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel's support for your Police and Crime Plan 2017-2020.

**CARL LES**

Chairman, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

23 March 2017