

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Police and Crime Panel** held in Committee Room 1B - County Hall, Durham on **Friday 28 June 2019 at 1.00 pm**

### **Present:**

#### **Durham County Council:**

Councillors D Boyes, J Nicholson, A Savory and M Simmons

#### **Darlington Borough Council:**

Councillors Dulston and Mills

#### **Independent Co-opted Members:**

Mr N J H Cooke and Mr D K G Dodwell

### **1 Election of Chair**

**Moved** by Councillor Boyes, **Seconded** by Mr Cooke and

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor L Hovvells be elected Chair of the Panel for the ensuing year.

#### **Councillor L Hovvells in the Chair**

### **2 Election of Vice-Chair**

**Moved** by Mr Dodwell, **Seconded** by Councillor Boyes and

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor B Jones be elected Vice-Chair of the Panel for the ensuing year.

### **3 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crumbie and Jones.

### **4 Substitute Members**

Councillor Mills as substitute for Councillor Jones.

### **5 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 March and 6 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

J Slee, Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Panel that a letter of thanks had been sent to the retiring Chief Constable on its behalf and also confirmed that all requirements had been undertaken following the Confirmation Hearing held on 6 June 2019.

## **6 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **7 Recent media activity**

The Panel considered a report of the Head of Policy and Communications, Office of the PCVC which provided an update of press coverage concerning the work of the PCVC since the previous meeting (for copy see file of Minutes).

Press coverage since the previous meeting had included articles on Durham Constabulary being rated 'outstanding' in HMICFRS inspection for the fourth year in a row, the appointment of new Chief Constable and retirement of her predecessor, welcoming the re-unification of probation services, the introduction of Naloxone into Police Custody suites, problem parking outside schools, and the continuing stories of the Hate Hurts campaign, knife crime and drug policy reform. A recent article in the Daily Telegraph about diversionary schemes had referred to the Checkpoint Scheme which operated within the Durham force.

The Head of Policy and Communications referred to problem parking outside of schools and informed the Panel that an action day regarding safe parking was planned for 1 October 2019. In response to a question from Mr Dodwell, the Head of Policy and Communications confirmed that PACT meetings would be made aware of the day of action.

Councillor Boyes referred to the use of Naloxone in Police Custody suites and asked where detainees would access this from, the cost of the provision and how widely Naloxone was used in Custody suites. Councillor Hovvels informed the Panel that a briefing paper on the use of Naloxone would be circulated to Members.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the report be noted
- (ii) That the safe parking day of action on 1 October 2019 be brought to the attention of PACT meetings
- (iii) That a briefing paper on the use of Naloxone in Custody suites be circulated to Members.

## **8 Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Annual Report 2018/19**

The Chairman informed the Panel that, in the absence of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, this item would be deferred to the next Panel meeting.

## **9 Quarterly Performance Report**

The Panel considered a report of the PCVC which provided an update on performance against the Police, Crime and Victim's Plan 2018-2021 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Boyes referred to paragraph 36 of the report which showed that only 50% of residents considered that the police and council were dealing with anti-social behaviour issues. There appeared to be an increasing number of young people re-offending and a stubborn 'hard-core' of offenders for whom current strategies did not appear to be working. Mr Cooke agreed with Councillor Boyes, adding that the removal of funding to youth and community centres needed addressing.

The Chairman informed the Panel that its comments would be noted and fed back to the PCVC.

### **Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

## **10 Police and Crime Panel Work Programme**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships, Durham County Council which sought agreement to the Panel's Work Programme for 2019/20 (for report see file of Minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Panel that in addition to the Work Programme listed at Appendix 2 it was proposed to hold a Development Session for Members during 2019/20.

### **Resolved:**

That the Work Programme for 2019/20 be approved.

## **11 Commissioning Update**

The Panel considered a report of the Head of Governance and Commissioning which provided an update on key considerations at the Commissioning Board in March 2019 and the supplementary Board in April 2019 (for copy see file of Minutes).

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**12 PCVC Decision Records**

The Panel noted a report of the Chief Executive, Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner which provided an update on the PCVCs decision register since the last meeting and forward plan (for copy see file of Minutes).

**13 HMICFRS Integrated Performance Assessment Report**

The Panel noted a report of the PCVC which provided details of the findings of the recent Integrated Performance Assessment of Durham Constabulary by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillor Boyes referred to the table at Appendix 1 which showed that Durham was only one of two forces which achieved two ratings of Outstanding, and expressed his congratulations to the force.

**Signed .....**  
**Chair of the meeting held on 17 October 2019**