

**Safer and Stronger Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**20 September 2019**

**Police and Crime Panel**



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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with progress of the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) for the Durham Constabulary Force area.

**Executive summary**

- 2 The report provides Members of the Committee with an update of agenda items presented to the Panel's meeting that was held on 28 June 2019.

**Recommendation**

- 3 Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within this report and comment accordingly.

**Background**

- 4 At its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the Panel's agenda included the following items:
  - (a) Panel Membership and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
  - (b) Quarterly Performance Report
  - (c) Police and Crime Panel Work Programme
  - (d) Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Integrated Performance Assessment report
  - (e) Commissioning Update and PCVC Decision records

## Panel Membership and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- 5 The Panel is politically balanced and consists of 12 Members, seven Elected Members from Durham County Council, three Elected Members from Darlington Borough Council and two Independent Co-opted Members. The Panel's Membership for 2019/20 is illustrated in the following table

<b>Durham County Council</b>	<b>Darlington Borough Council</b>	<b>Independent Co-Opted Members</b>
Cllr D Boyes	Cllr H Crumbie	Mr NJH Cooke
Cllr P Brookes	Cllr J Dulston	Mr DKG Dodwell
Cllr P Crathorne	Cllr B Jones	
Cllr L Hovvels		
Cllr J Nicholson		
Cllr A Savoury		
Cllr M Simmons		

- 6 The Panel elected Cllr L Hovvels and Cllr B Jones as its Chair and Vice Chair for 2019/20.

## Quarterly Performance Report

- 7 The Panel received a report on quarterly performance from the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner. The report provided Members with performance information on two outcomes from PCVC's Plan relating to 'Reoffending is reduced and rehabilitation is improved' and 'People have confidence in the police and criminal justice system'.

## Police and Crime Panel Work Programme

- 8 The work programme enables the Panel to plan how it will effectively provide challenge to the PCVC and deliver its responsibilities within the context of its terms of reference and rules of procedure and the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act. The programme includes details of Panel meetings for 2019/20.
- 9 The Panel agreed the work programme report and requested that arrangements be also made to hold a development session in 2019/20.

## **HMICFRS Integrated Performance Assessment report**

- 10 The HMIC FRS report provided findings of the Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) of Durham Constabulary by HMICFRS. In 2018/19 HMICFRS adopted an IPA approach to their PEEL inspections, combining the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy areas into a single inspection.
- 11 The findings from the IPA reported that Durham Constabulary retained its overall 'Outstanding' grades for Effectiveness and Efficiency and 'Good' for Legitimacy.

## **Commissioning Update and PCVC Decision records**

- 12 The panel received reports providing a summary of Commissioning Board meetings held in March and April 2019 and the PCVC's decision records that have been undertaken since the panel's previous meeting.

## **Main implications**

### *Crime and Disorder*

- 13 Information with this report aims to contribute to objectives within the existing Council Plan and Safe Durham Partnership plan to reducing crime and disorder.

## **Conclusion**

- 14 The attached provides the Committee with a summary of items considered at the Panel's meeting on 28 June 2019.
- 15 Background papers
  - None

## **Other useful documents**

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Consultation**

None.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

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### **Staffing**

None.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

None.

### **Procurement**

None.