



## Durham Police and Crime Panel

25<sup>th</sup> June 2013

### Restorative Approaches

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## Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

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### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Police and Crime Panel with information in advance of a presentation from Chief Superintendent Paul Beddow, Durham Constabulary on Restorative Approaches.

### Background

2. Restorative Approaches was identified as a topic to be included as an agenda item following discussion at the Chief Constable's Confirmation Hearing on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The panel were informed the Constabulary were currently implementing restorative approaches as a method to tackle and solve problems within communities.
3. In summary, restorative approaches focuses on the harm that has been caused between people and how it can be repaired. It brings those harmed and those responsible for the harm into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm caused and finding a positive way forward.
4. The presentation will provide Members with an overview of restorative approaches but focus on how this has been adopted and utilised by Durham Constabulary.

### Recommendation

5. Members of the Panel are asked to note information contained within the presentation and comment accordingly.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** – None

**Staffing** – None

**Risk** – None

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** – None

**Accommodation** – None

**Crime and Disorder** – Outcomes of information within this report will aim to reducing crime and disorder within Durham Constabulary Area.

**Human Rights** – None

**Consultation** – None

**Procurement** – None

**Disability Issues** – None

**Legal Implications** – None