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

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Cyber Crime

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1.   To provide Members with supporting information in advance of a presentation by Detective Chief Inspector (DCI) Victoria Fuller on raising awareness and approaches to tackling cybercrime.

Background

2.   Cybercrime can involve a wide spectrum of activity from large scale fraud to business and government agencies to causing harm on individuals within their homes and communities. So significant it was identified as a national threat within the 2010 National Security Strategy and in 2011, the Government published '*The UK Cyber Security Strategy- Protecting and promoting the UK in a digital world'*. The strategy included four objectives to:

- Tackling cybercrime and making the UK one of the most secure places in the world to do business;
- Making the UK more resilient to cyber-attack and better able to protect our interests in cyberspace;
- Helping to shape an open, vibrant and stable cyberspace which the UK public can use safely and that supports open societies, and
- Building the UK's cross-cutting knowledge, skills and capability to underpin all cyber security objectives.

3.   A progress report was published by the Government in 2013 and can be accessed at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-cyber-security-strategy-2-years-on . The report identifies work undertaken to develop structures and capabilities through the National Cyber Security programme and identifies future action to be undertaken at a national level. In addition, cybercrime is clearly identified within the Government's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy and a key area for the National Crime Agency.

4.   At a local level, cybercrime is included within the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan that was presented to the Committee's meeting in February 2015 and is identified as an emerging threat within the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan that was considered by the Police and Crime Panel in March 2015.

5.   With regard to activity, Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council and partner agencies took part in raising awareness during the a week of activity that coincided with 'Safer Internet Day' on February 10th 2015.

6.   DCI Victoria Fuller will be in attendance at the Committee's meeting to provide an overview presentation of cybercrime including work undertaken by the Police and partners and future activity.

Recommendation

7.   Members of the Committee are asked to note information within this report and presentation and comment accordingly

Background Papers
None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk – None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – Information contained in this report and presentation relates to the Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None