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Date: Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 5.00 pm

Venue: Cleveland Room 1, Community Safety Hub, Cliffland Way, Hemlington, Middlesbrough, TS8 9LB

Hartlepool Borough Council Councillor Shane Moore Councillor Carole Thompson	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council Councillor Carrie Cook Councillor Graham Cutler Councillor Chris Jones
Middlesbrough Borough Council Mayor Andy Preston Councillor Barrie Cooper Councillor Tom Mawston	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Councillor Stefan Houghton Councillor Steve Nelson Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE Councillor Tony Riordan
Non- Political Independent Members Paul McGrath Luigi Salvati	

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To consider passing a resolution excluding the press and public from the meeting on the grounds that the following items contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 & 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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Members' Interests

Members should consider any potential interests in accordance with their authority's code of conduct and, if necessary, seek advice from their Monitoring Officer.

Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

A meeting of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel was held on Tuesday, 15 November 2022.

Present: Councillor Tony Riordan (Chair), Councillor Barrie Cooper (Vice-Chair), Councillor Graham Cutler, Councillor Chris Jones, Mr Paul McGrath, Councillor Tom Mawston, Councillor Steven Nelson, Mr Luigi Salvati and Councillor Norma Stephenson OBE

Officers: Steven Newton (Governance Director (Monitoring Officer)), Alison Pearson (Governance Manager) and Rae Puggmurr

Also In attendance: Lisa Oldroyd (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), Steve Turner (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), Rachelle Kipling (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), Michael Porter (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) and Chief Constable Mark Webster (Cleveland Police)

Apologies: Councillor Stefan Houghton, Councillor Shane Moore, Mayor Andy Preston, Councillor Carrie Richardson and Councillor Carole Thompson

PCP 31/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

PCP 32/22 **Minutes of the meetings held on the following dates and attendance matrix**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

PCP 33/22 **Exclusion of the Press and Public.**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PCP 34/22 **The Strategic Direction of the Force**

Chief Constable Webster shared information with the Panel on work undertaken in recent months since his appointment to the Force. Following an assessment, he outlined key challenges and progress, along with proposed further improvements to be made to ensure an improved service to the public. The Chief Constable shared data with the panel on demand for services, including data on the number and types of daily 999 calls received, and incidents reported.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

The press and public were readmitted to the meeting.

**PCP
35/22** **Off Road Motorcycle problem / public safety**

The Police and Crime Commissioner updated the Panel on his scrutiny of the force's response to the use of offroad motorcycles and quads. Although there were tactics in place to intercept where it would be safe and appropriate to do so, the likelihood of putting both riders and pedestrians at further risk of harm also needed to be considered.

The Police and Crime Commissioner stressed the importance of intelligence from the public around the location of off-road vehicles to enable them to be seized and destroyed and asked that Elected Members were proactive in sharing the request for information within their communities.

The Commissioner confirmed that there was an issue nationally, but that work was being undertaken to identify and replicate good practice from other force areas. He reiterated the importance of sharing information of any sightings, issues or concerns through the app or by contacting 101.

The Commissioner acknowledged the need improve feedback with the public to provide reassurance and build confidence that action was being taken as a result of the information they provided.

In relation to the practice of tactical contact, the Chief Constable gave an explanation of the risk assessment process undertaken before any decisions on action were made for each reported incident.

In response to comments about the use of the Force helicopter, the Commissioner confirmed that cost is not the primary deciding factor, but that each scenario is considered as to whether it is the appropriate use of resources.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**PCP
36/22** **Annual Report of the Commissioner 2021/22**

The Commissioner introduced his report and expressed his pride at the work that had been undertaken and progress made during the year.

The Commissioner gave credit to his team and how positively they had responded to a different direction and focus. He also highlighted the work of the Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) and suggested a representative from the unit be invited to a future meeting to share further detail on their work.

A panel member asked for further information regarding recruitment and whether there was a focus on recruiting permanent officers rather than special constables. The Commissioner confirmed that recruiting special constables was a challenge, but that those currently recruited brought a variety of skills and experience with them. There was a pledge to double the number of special

constables and work was ongoing to achieve this. The Commissioner clarified that special constables do not receive a reduction in their council tax.

A panel member sought assurance on the recruitment and vetting processes following recent national press coverage relating to people with criminal records gaining employment within the Police. The Commissioner confirmed that in terms of vetting new officers, the Force had stringent processes in place, and he was confident the process was as robust as it could be.

The Panel welcomed the Annual Report and commented that it was well presented and easy to read.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report be noted.

PCP 37/22 Quarter 1 2022/23 Police and Crime Plan Performance Report

RESOLVED that the item was discussed jointly with the Quarter 2 Police and Crime Plan Performance Report.

PCP 38/22 Quarter 2 2022/23 Police and Crime Plan Performance Report

The panel noted the performance information contained in the report and the Commissioner outlined the challenges and success and was confident that performance is going in the right direction.

It was noted that the national Police Crime Survey was due to be published. This would provide a benchmark against national and local performance.

A panel member felt that overwhelming public feedback appeared to be that there were issues within the control room in terms of contact and lengthy wait times. The Commissioner stated that that although frustrating, this was an area that was improving. It was also one of the reasons for developing the reporting app.

RESOLVED that the performance updates be noted and the results of the police survey be shared with the panel once published.

PCP 39/22 Commissioner's Scrutiny Programme

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**PCP
40/22** **Decisions of the Commissioner**

The Police and Crime Commissioner made all decisions unless specifically delegated within the Scheme of Consent/Delegation. All decisions demonstrated that they were soundly based on relevant information and that the decision-making process was open and transparent.

In addition, a forward plan was included and published on the OPCC's website which included items requiring a decision in the future. This was attached to the report.

Each decision made by the Commissioner was recorded on a decision record form with supporting background information appended. Once approved it was published on the OPCC's website.

Decisions relating to private/confidential matters would be recorded; although, it may be appropriate that full details were not published.

Decisions made since the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel were attached to the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**PCP
41/22** **Quarter 1 Communication, Consultation and Engagement Update**

RESOLVED that the item be discussed jointly with the Quarter 2 Communication, Consultation and Engagement Update.

**PCP
42/22** **Quarter 2 Communication, Consultation and Engagement Update**

The Commissioner presented his report detailing the communication activity of the PCC's office between 31 May 2022 and September 2022.

The Commissioner advised that he welcomed the Panel's support in sharing positive activity of Cleveland Police as well as sharing information with the community on what services are available to them.

Members welcomed the information in the update reports and found the links within the report to be useful.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**PCP
43/22** **Members' Questions to the Commissioner**

Question 1: The following question had been submitted from Councillor Tom Mawston for response by the Commissioner

"What progress is being made in the establishment of Neighbourhood Policing Teams as promised by the PCC?"

The Commissioner referred to the information that had been shared with the Panel in the earlier agenda item relating to the Strategic Direction of the Force. He advised that as part of the organisational changes, teams would move to four district command units, with four proactive teams with stronger geographic connections able to work more closely with others to provide the right care by the right professionals.

Question 2: The following question had been submitted from Paul McGrath for response by the Commissioner

“A recent article in the Times newspaper outlined the difficulty some commissioners are facing in respect of being present at feedback sessions to senior police officers following HMICFRS inspections. Apparently, it is at the discretion of a Chief Constable whether or not they are invited to attend. What is the situation at Cleveland, does the Commissioner attend feedback sessions?”

The Commissioner assured the Panel that there was a good relationship between him and the Chief Constable with strong communication. He confirmed that there was agreement that he would be involved in feedback sessions following HMICFRS inspections or other similar debriefs.

Question 3: The following question had been submitted from Councillor Norma Stephenson for response by the Commissioner

“The IOPC have concluded their investigation into allegations made against the previous Chief Constable of Cleveland, Mike Veale. In August 2021 you informed the public that the investigation was to be referred to an independent panel, chaired by an independent lawyer, to hold a misconduct hearing to consider the evidence, make appropriate findings and determine any outcome. 12 months on, the public are still waiting for the misconduct hearing to take place. When is it to take place?”

The Commissioner advised there was currently no date set. The matter was complex and was required to follow a specific process which he was unable to supersede.

Question 4: The following question had been submitted from Councillor Steve Nelson for response by the Commissioner

“Evidenced by the low public confidence in policing here in Cleveland, it has never been more important to ensure we are maximising public engagement and the sharing of good results. On the ground, Police Officers are producing fantastic results with limited resources daily. There does appear to be a lack of co-ordinated approach to the timely sharing of good news stories and results, which are vital to countering negative perceptions and the fear of crime. Can the PCC clarify who can and who cannot post social media updates at a neighbourhood level and who ultimately gets the say?”

The Commissioner confirmed that all officers were encouraged to post on social media. In terms of proactive communications, the Commissioner confirmed that over the last week 47 news stories and over 200 tweets had been shared.

It was acknowledged some officers were more comfortable with social media than others. Advice, support and training was available to officers and arrangements were in place for the communications team to post on officers' behalf should officers not feel confident in doing so themselves. There were also gatekeeping arrangements in place which should help build confidence in staff over time.

**PCP
44/22** **Public Questions**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**PCP
45/22** **Precept Task and Finish Group**

The Panel considered a report setting out the proposed process and timescales for considering the Police budget and precept and confirming the Task and Finish Panel membership.

RESOLVED that the panel noted and agreed the recommendations within the report

**PCP
46/22** **Forward Plan**

Members considered and agreed the content of the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.

**PCP
47/22** **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**PCP
48/22** **Complaint Update**

The Panel considered a report of the Monitoring Officer detailing a number of complaint matters.

Complaint 2021 11

RESOLVED that the comments of the Commissioner be noted and the matter closed.

Complaint 2022 06

RESOLVED that the complaint does not meet the definition of a complaint for the purposes of the regulations and the Monitoring Officer advise the complainant accordingly.

Complaint 2022 02

RESOLVED that any further action on this complaint be deferred pending notification by the parties that external proceedings had been completed and the Panel's previous decision not to refer the matter to the IOPC be confirmed.

Complaint 2022 03

RESOLVED That no further action be taken and that this matter be closed accordingly.

Complaint 2022 04

RESOLVED That no further action be taken and that this matter be closed accordingly.

Complaint 2022 05

RESOLVED that information from the Commissioner be provided to the Complainant and the matter be closed.

Complaint 2022 01

RESOLVED that the record in relation to the outcome of this complaint be published, on the basis that this was in the public interest given the nature of the matters raised therein.

CLEVELAND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

CLEVELAND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL ATTENDANCE - 2022-23

First Name	Last Name	Representing	05.07.22	13.09.22	15.11.22	07.02.23				Total Meetings Attended
Amy	Prince	Councillor - HBC	n/a	n/a	n/a					
Shane	Moore	Councillor - HBC	Apols	Apols	Apols					
Kevin	Tiplady	Councillor - HBC	Apols	n/a	n/a					
Carole	Thompson	Councillor - HBC	n/a	n/a	Apols					
Graham	Cutler	Councillor - R&CBC	✓	✓	✓					
Chris	Jones	Councillor R&CBC	Apols	✓	✓					
Carrie	Richardson	Councillor R&CBC	Apols	Apols	Apols					
Andy	Preston	Councillor MBC	Apols	Apols	Apols					
Barrie	Cooper	Councillor MBC	✓	✓	✓					
Tom	Mawston	Councillor - MBC	✓	✓	✓					
Norma	Stephenson	Councillor - SBC	✓	RA	✓					
Steve	Nelson	Councillor - SBC	✓	✓	✓					
Tony	Riordan	Councillor - SBC	✓	✓	✓					
Stefan	Houghton	Councillor - SBC	✓	✓	Apols					
Paul	McGrath	Independent Member	✓	✓	✓					
Luigi	Salvati	Independent Member	✓	✓	✓					
Substitutes										
Karen	King	Councillor - R&CBC	✓							
Pauline	Beall	Councillor - Stockton		✓						

Key	
✓	Attended
RA	Apologies Submitted (replacement attended)
Apols	Apologies Submitted (no replacement)
✗	Did Not Attend (no apologies received)
C	Cancelled Meeting
n/a	Not a Member



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Review of the Budget Strategy and Precept

Task and Finish Group

**Final Report
January 2023**

Members of the Task and Finish Panel

Councillor Barrie Cooper (Chair)	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Councillor Graham Cutler	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor Steve Nelson	Stockton Borough Council
Councillor Shane Moore	Hartlepool Borough Council
Luigi Salvati	Non-Political Independent Member

The Group would like to thank Michael Porter, the PCC Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, for his contribution to its work.

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Summary

The legal framework for issuing a precept and the Police and Crime Panel's role in reviewing the proposed precept are set out in Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and Part 2 of the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012.

The Task and Finish Group was established to understand the key issues and financial pressures as part of the budget setting process in order to inform the work of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to setting the Police Precept.

The Group met on 18 January 2023 to receive information about the Police and Crime Commissioner's overall budget strategy for Cleveland Police and in particular proposals for the precept. Discussion took place about the funding and planning assumptions, funding projections and budget pressures and the feedback from the consultation exercise that had been undertaken.

This report provides details of the issues considered and questions raised by the Task and Finish Group prior to consideration of the budget and precept proposals by the Police and Crime Panel on 7 February 2023, when the precept for 2023/24 will be set.

Key findings and Conclusions

The following bullet points provide a summary of the key findings and conclusions of the Task and Finish Panel and are expanded on further in the detailed body of the report.

- The police funding settlement for 2023/24 set out that overall funding for policing would rise by up to £287 million compared to the 2022/23 funding settlement, bringing the total up to £17.2 billion for the policing system.
- The settlement also confirmed that PCCs would be empowered to raise additional funding through their Band D precept flexibility by up to £15 in 2023/24 without the need to call a local referendum, returning to £10 in subsequent years.
- The future funding and planning assumptions that had been made in determining the budget strategy and LTFP for Cleveland for 2023/24 were:
 - Pay awards budgeted for a 4% increase in 2023/23 returning to 2% in subsequent years
 - A precept increase of £15 (5.44%) in 2023/24, returning to £10 in subsequent years.
 - Tax Base Growth of 1.39% in 2023/24, returning to 1.2% in subsequent years
 - Government Grants increases of 1.7% in 2024/25, returning to 2% in subsequent years.
 - Impact of Funding Formula review – Nil

- The plan included a specific grant of £3,298,000 to maintain the Government targets for Police Officer increases. In Cleveland, this equated to at least 1443 officers by the end of March 2024.
- There had been an accelerated recruitment programme overseen by the PCC over recent years and the force was confident this target could be achieved. Planned recruitment of just over 100 police officers in the final four months of 2022/23 would put the Force above 1500 FTE police officers for the first time in over a decade.
- The financial plan would balance based on a £15 increase in precept for 2023/24, although, this would mean a significant reduction in financing capital to make it possible.
- Around 11% of staff posts within force would need to be held vacant to work within the funding available.
- Even with £15 proposed increase this year, the final years within the LTFP were not currently projected to balance.
- Any increase less than £15 would make a very difficult position even worse.
- A consultation exercised had gathered views from 1192 people with 455 people completing the online survey and 737 people taking part in the community events 'counter method' consultation.
- There were variations in responses based on whether the consultation had been on line or face to face. When different forms of consultation generated different results, it was difficult to compare or generalise.
- Notwithstanding the variations, there did appear to be support from residents for increasing the funding for the police if the money was spent on local policing with a visible street police presence and on core problem solving activity, particularly in relation to drugs, violence and antisocial use of motor vehicles.
- The level of reserves was currently set at 3.2 % of the net budget requirement in 2023/24 which was in line with good practice. General Reserves were projected to be £5 million across the life of the plan.

Recommendations

The Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal to set the Band D police element of the Council Tax within Cleveland for 2023/24 at £290.73 representing an increase of £15, or 5.44%, over the 2022/23 level.

Detail

1. On 18 January 2023, Michael Porter, Chief Finance Officer from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland gave a presentation to members of the Task and Finish Group on the precept and budget proposals for Cleveland for the forthcoming financial year.
2. The budget proposals were based on the Home Office provisional police funding settlement for 2023/24 which was published in December 2022 and information provided by local Councils on the Council Tax base and collection rates. This was supplemented with more detailed information on the PCC summary Long Term Funding Plan (LTFP), the summary LTFP Capital Plan Position, a forecast on the useable reserves position and the results of the public consultations.
3. This information provided the background and context to the Task and Finish Panel's discussions and whilst it was noted that all these elements may still be subject to some degree of refinement, it was not expected that the position would change in a significant way.

2023/24 Policing Settlement

4. The headline position from the autumn statement and subsequent precept announcement in relation to the police funding settlement for 2023/24 set out that overall funding for policing would rise by up to £287 million compared to the 2022/23 funding settlement, bringing the total up to £17.2 billion for the policing system.
5. The settlement also confirmed that PCCs would be empowered to raise additional funding through their Band D precept flexibility by up to £15 in 2023/24 without the need for a local referendum. It was expected that this flexibility would be reduced back down to £10 for subsequent years.
6. The available funding to PCCs would increase by £523 million in 2023/24. This assumed full take up of the local flexibility to increase council tax by the maximum amount and the increased £15 precept flexibility (or equivalent) for all PCCs for 2023/24. This would equate to a national increase to PCC funding, on average, of 3.6% with variations ranging from 3.0% to 4.3% across the country.

7. The £523million included an increase of £174million in Government grant funding, £140 million of this being ring-fenced funding to maintain the Police Uplift Programme. There would be claw-back arrangements or penalties where forces did not achieve their police officer uplift targets.

Overall Funding Position for Cleveland

8. In Cleveland, a £15 increase in precept would represent the equivalent of a 5.44% increase.
9. Analysis indicated that the underlying growth in the tax base had returned to a more normal levels and was expected to be 1.48%. Depending on the position on the various council's collection funds, the maximum increase in core funding, in comparison to 2022/23 was expected to be around 3.1% (an increase of just over £4,940,000). This would bring the overall government and local revenue funding for 2023/24 to £161,773,000. Within this, £3,298,000 was attached to the Police Officer Uplift Grant.
10. The table below sets out this position.

Overall Government and Local Revenue Funding				
	2023/24	2022/23	(Increase)/Reduction	Year on Year Change
	£000s	£000s	£000s	%age
Government Funding				
Police Grant	(56,591)	(56,542)	(48)	0.1%
RSG/National Non Domestic Rate	(46,588)	(46,278)	(310)	0.7%
Police Officer Uplift Grant	(3,298)	(1,619)	(1,679)	103.7%
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(800)	(800)	0	0.0%
Council Tax Support Grant	(6,868)	(6,868)	0	0.0%
Police Pensions Grant	(1,324)	(1,324)	0	0.0%
Total Government Funding	(115,469)	(113,432)	(2,037)	1.8%
Impact of a £15 increase in Band D Precept - 5.44% increase				
Net Deficit on Collection Funds	304	198	107	
Council Tax Requirement	(46,608)	(43,599)	(3,009)	
Total Local Funding	(46,303)	(43,401)	(2,902)	6.7%
Total Government + Local Funding	(161,773)	(156,833)	(4,940)	3.1%

Pressures and Challenges

11. The pay award in 2022-23 had been greater than had been budgeted for and had an ongoing impact through the life of the LTFP. In addition to pay pressures, the force continued to experience inflationary pressures across all cost bases – premises, utilities, transport, contracts.
12. The additional flexibility that had been granted to PCCs in relation to setting their precept was intended to offset these pressures and it was expected that this flexibility would be used to its full extent.

13. The assumptions that had been used to prepare the medium term financial plan were:

Pay Awards:

- a. 2023/24 – 4.0% increase
- b. 2024/25 – 2.0% increase
- c. 2025/26 – 2.0%

Precept: Increases of:

- a. 2023/24 – £15 or 5.44%
- b. 2024/25 – £10 or 3.44%
- c. 2025/26 - £10 or 3.33%
- d. 2026/27 - £10 or 3.22%

Tax Base increases of:

- a. 2023/24 – 1.39%
- b. 2024/25 – 1.2%
- c. 2025/26 – 1.2%

Government Grants increases of:

- a. 2024/25 – 1.7%
- b. 2025/26 – 2.0%
- c. 2026/27 – 2.0%

Impact of Funding Formula review – Nil

14. Cost increases of circa £9.7 million were forecast when taking account of cost/demand pressures and the police officer uplift target. With income forecast to increase by circa £5.6 million there remained a savings requirement of £4.1 million to achieve a balanced position.
15. The plans to achieve a balanced position included:
- Reduce funding into capital programme by £3,025,000
 - Increase transfers from earmarked reserves £290,000
 - Increase staff vacancies - hold approx 105 FTE (11% of workforce) posts vacant, reducing costs by £805,000
16. Members sought assurances on the implications of holding vacancies, how long they would be carried for and likely impact on service delivery and the public.
17. The force was undertaking an analysis of vacant posts. Recruitment challenges meant that many posts were already vacant. Whilst continuing to hold these positions vacant should not lead to a deterioration of service against the current levels, it may delay improvements. It was expected that maintaining staffing levels in the force control room and police staff investigators would be prioritised. For some posts that have been persistently hard to recruit to, an alternative may need to be considered.

18. Task and Finish Group Members asked if it would be possible to share examples at the Panel meeting to give a flavour of the areas affected by holding vacancies.
19. In relation to reserves, Members sought assurances on the levels of reserves and the ability to respond to any major unforeseen incidents that might arise.
20. It was noted that general reserves were projected to be £5 million throughout the life of the plan – 3.2% of net budget requirement in 23/24. The plan projected a year-on-year reduction in the level of planned reserves but would remain at a prudent level.

Public Consultation

21. The PCC had undertaken a public consultation exercise for six weeks from November 2022 to mid-December 2022. Views were sought on:
 - Whether people would be willing to pay more towards their police precept
 - How much additional funding people would be prepared to pay
 - Reasons behind people's opinions about funding levels
22. The consultation included an online survey and was promoted through several channels including:
 - OPCC social media
 - Strategic Independent Advisory Group
 - Voluntary Development Agencies
 - Engagement with partner organisations, including:
 - Youth services
 - Groups working with ethnically diverse communities
 - Organisations for disabled people/people with learning difficulties
23. Several face-to-face engagement events also took place in community locations using a counter-based methodology where members of the public could place a counter to indicate what, if any, level of increased precept they would be willing to support.
24. A total of 1,192 people responded to the consultation with 737 people completing the survey and 455 people taking part in the counter consultation.
25. Analysis of the results showed that across both online and in-person responses, the majority of respondents (63.5%) supported an increase of at least £10 per year. Just over 45% supported an increase of £18 or more.
26. Members discussed and highlighted the differences in responses based on whether the consultation had been on line or face to face. When different forms of consultation generated different results, it was difficult to compare or generalise.
27. The variations were acknowledged but it was also important to provide a range of methods to enable people to engage with consultation, and generally, the more people involved, the better.

	£0	£10	£18	£24	£30
All	36.5%	18.1%	14.5%	11.3%	19.6%
Survey only	51.4%	13.1%	11.4%	7.6%	16.5%
Counters only	13.1%	26%	19.3%	17.1%	24.4%
Hartlepool	46.3%	14.6%	10.8%	10.1%	18.1%
Middlesbrough	38.9%	26.5%	15.7%	4.3%	14.6%
Redcar & Cleveland	28.9%	15.4%	20.7%	16.2%	18.8%
Stockton	34.8%	19.3%	10.4%	11%	24.4%

28. A member commented that it appeared people were generally willing to support the police and noted that there were Council Tax support schemes within local councils which were intended to support people on lower incomes.
29. The views expressed indicated that residents wanted to see the additional money spent on local policing with a visible street police presence and a greater focus on core problem solving activity, particularly in relation to drugs, violence and antisocial use of motor vehicles.

Conclusion and Recommendations

30. The information presented to the Task and Finish Panel demonstrated that:
- The financial plan would balance based on £15 increase in precept for 2023/24, although, this would mean a significant reduction in financing capital to make it possible.
 - Around 11% of staff posts within force would need to be held vacant to work within the funding available.
 - Even with £15 proposed increase this year, the final years within the LTFP were not currently projected to balance.
 - Any increase less than £15 would make a very difficult position even worse.
31. Having considered the information available to it and discussed the funding assumptions and associated issues in detail, and assuming there was no significant change from the currently stated position, Members of the Task and Finish Panel would recommend that the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal to apply the maximum uplift of £15 to the police element of the Council

Tax within Cleveland for 2023/24 should be endorsed by the Police and Crime Panel at its meeting on 7 February 2023.



Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

Q3 Communications and Community Engagement Report

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Background

The purpose of this report is to monitor the activity and impact of the communications and community engagement functions of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

Communicating and engaging with the people of Cleveland, our partners and target audiences is a priority for the OPCC and is central to the aims and objectives of the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

The Commissioner is elected to be the public's representative for policing and community safety, using his influence to make Cleveland's voice heard and speak up for its police force at local and national levels.

Communications

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has a small communications team, responsible for the communications, media and digital output of the office and to support the PCC to deliver the objectives of his Police and Crime Plan.

Communications and media activity

The OPCC Communications Team are seeking to better understand their engagement with the media – including how many press releases are issued, how many media enquiries are received and how they are responded to.

This is done with a detailed log, which helps team members log and track media liaison.

	Q1 (April – Jun)	Q2 (July-Sept)	Q3 (Oct–Dec)	Comparison to previous reporting period
Proactive press releases issued	21	16	12	↓ 25%
Media enquiries received	44	69	44	↓ 36.24%
Media interviews conducted	4	10	4	↓ 60%
Statements provided	5	6	14	↑ 116%

It is notable that there has been a slight reduction in the number of press releases issued over this quarter. It is likely that this can be attributed to team abstraction during December and the festive period, noting that no major announcements were made following the 9th December. Social media continued to be produced and posted during this period.

Due to reduced communications output, there was a reduction in media engagement and media interviews conducted by the PCC during this quarter. The number of statements issued by the OPCC Communications Team remained buoyant however, as there were increased media enquiries on topics the PCC would prefer not to respond to via written quote rather than interview.

Notable stories during Quarter 3

A full list of press releases issued by the OPCC can be found at *Appendix A*.

Half a million-pound investment in violence reduction projects

CURV, Cleveland's violence reduction partnership, announced during Q3 that they were making the largest single investment in crime reduction schemes ever made in Cleveland. The REACH programme, delivered by Barnardo's Tees Valley, was the focus of the media release.

The 20 projects were separated into five distinct categories and every day over the course of a working week, OPCC social media channels featured a project from one of these five groups.

Launch of the PCC's consultation on the police precept for 2023-24

On Monday 31st October, the PCC launched his annual consultation on the police budget, asking residents in Cleveland whether they would be willing to pay more towards policing in 2023-24. The six-week consultation was launched with a press release and shared internally with Cleveland Police's workforce.

In addition to weekly social media posts and a central feature on the OPCC website homepage, a small budget was made available for social media advertising to encourage more residents to complete the short survey. Initially targeted at Hartlepool residents (due to historically low participation from this group), the targeted location of the adverts was widened at the mid-point of the consultation to include the entire Cleveland area.

Child sexual violence experts call on system change to better support victims

The PCC joined forces with representatives from five local agencies who work with children or families affected by child sexual abuse to call for improvements to services to keep victims safe. This followed a successful two-year project funded by the Home Office, which aimed to transform child sexual abuse services in Cleveland through specialist interventions and research.

A short pledge document called 'A Different Vision' was produced summarising this research, and was signed by the PCC and involved agencies, calling for change. This document was distributed to stakeholders and services involved in protecting children.

Media monitoring

In the latter part of Q3, the OPCC Communications Team implemented the use of a media monitoring system and are set to receive training on this system in the early part of Q4. This system will quantify mentions of the Commissioner and the work of the OPCC in online and print publications, as well as in radio and TV broadcasts. These statistics will be reported on in future reports.

Social media

The OPCC Communications Team manages and maintains five main social media accounts, to provide the public with information about the work of the PCC and his team.

These accounts are:

Twitter: @Cleveland_PCC
 Facebook: Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
 Instagram: @clevelandopcc
 YouTube: ClevelandPCC
 LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/ClevelandPCC

Facebook

	Q1 (April – Jun)	Q2 (July-Sept)	Q3 (Oct-Dec)	Comparison to previous reporting period
Total followers	2,889	2,990	3,088	+3.2% ↑
Number of posts	64	63	67	+6.3% ↑
Page reach (the number of people who saw any content from or about our Page)	26,648	69,958	247,522	+253.8% ↑
Page visits (the number of times that our Page was visited)	2,634	4,584	4,772	+4.1% ↑
Paid reach (The number of people who saw our adverts at least once)	0 – no ads running	27,408	100,096	265.2% ↑
Paid impressions (the number of times that our adverts were on-screen)	0 – no ads running	102,919	315,562	206.6% ↑

Quarter 3 delivered some promising results across our Facebook analytics with increases in followers, content and engagement across the board. The large increase in page reach (253.8%) can be attributed to two paid advertising campaigns we were running during this quarter, which has exposed an increased number of users to our page and content.

In total, £679.19 was invested in Facebook advertising across this quarter – an increased spend from the £236.42 of the previous quarter. Most of this investment (£391.96) was for the purpose of promoting awareness of COPA, the PCC’s new app for creating better engagement between communities and policing. During the four-week period of advertising (5th December 2022 – 6th January 2023), the app experienced increased downloads in comparison to periods of non-advertisement. Over 2,000 people have downloaded the app since it was launched in September 2022.

The rest of the advertising spend (£287.23) was to allow the PCC to fulfil his statutory duty of consulting on the police budget for the 2023-24 financial year. Adverts were targeted across

the Cleveland area to encourage more people to complete the PCC’s online survey, which asked users if they would be willing to pay more for policing in their Council Tax. The campaign resulted in 1,034 link clicks through to the survey page, with 1, 192 responses received.

Twitter

	Q1 (April – Jun)	Q2 (July-Sept)	Q3 (Oct- Dec)	Comparison to previous reporting period
Total followers	Data not available	5,221	5,222	-0.01% ↔
Number of tweets	98	109	114	+4.5% ↑
Impressions (the number of times our tweets were seen)	40,200	36,900	46,400	+25.7% ↑
Replies (the number of times someone replied to our tweets)	95	154	70	-54.5% ↓
Likes (the number of times someone liked our tweets)	183	167	231	+38.3% ↑
Engagement rate (the amount of engagement we receive in comparison to impressions)	3.2%	3.1%	2.5%	-19.3% ↓

We’ve had a slight increase in the number of posts published on Twitter during this quarter – and notably, we continue to post more content on the platform than our other social media accounts. This is likely due to the ‘fast-moving’ pace of the platform and our ability to post multiple times a day without fear of ‘bombarding’ our followers.

It is noted this quarter that we have had increased likes and impressions on our tweets, yet less people taking the time to send a reply to our content. This in turn has had a slightly negative impact on our engagement rate. We will seek to explore opportunities to encourage people to interact with our posts via replies in future planning.

Instagram

	Q1 (April – Jun)	Q2 (July-Sept)	Q3 (Oct-Dec)	Comparison to previous reporting period

Total followers	Data not available	308	334	N/A
Number of posts	27	27	35	+29.6% ↑
Number of stories	7	7	19	+171.4% ↑
Reach (the number of unique accounts that saw any of our posts or stories at least once)	579	951	3,079	+223.7% ↑

Following the static performance of the OPCC Instagram account during quarters 1 and 2, our Digital Media Officer has made a concerted effort to increase content being posted on the platform for this quarter.

This has resulted in eight additional posts and 12 additional stories in comparison to the previous quarter, which has driven up the page's reach by over 200%. We will continue to explore how we can further maximise these efforts in the final quarter of the year.

LinkedIn

	Q1 (April – Jun)	Q2 (July-Sept)	Q3 (Oct-Dec)	Comparison to previous reporting period
Total followers	Data not available	851	909	+6.8% ↑
Number of posts	38	38	36	-5.2% ↓
Page views	216	199	281	+41.2% ↑
Impressions (the total number of times our posts were seen)	11,475	14,423	14,309	-0.7% ↔
Reactions	318	411	408	-0.7% ↔
Reposts	44	31	32	+3% ↔

It has been a static quarter for the OPCC's LinkedIn account. Despite an increase in followers and page views, this has not translated into higher numbers of impressions – or people interacting with our posts. At a recent planning event, it was agreed that we would explore options for more corporate content for our LinkedIn pages, including profiles on OPCC team members and information about work they are doing.

Website

Since redevelopment in October 2020, the OPCC website remains an important tool for us to communicate with communities in greater detail, plus to ensure we publish information as required

under law.

	Q1 (April – Jun)	Q2 (July-Sept)	Q3 (Oct-Dec)	Comparison to reporting period
Users (users who have initiated at least one session during the date range)	6,650	8,168	6,155	-24.6% ↓
New users (the number of first-time users during the selected date range)	6,384	7,838	5,787	-26.1% ↓
Page views (page views is the total number of pages viewed)	19,998	24,618	17,442	-29.1% ↓

There has been a decrease in the number of people visiting the OPCC website during this quarter, with analytics returning to levels since during quarter 1. The OPCC website is an important part of our digital communications offering, hosting important information about the work we do, the decisions we make and the money we spend.

During quarter 4, we will be seeking to improve how we link to the OPCC website through our social media channels – particularly when key documents are published. The Digital Media Officer is working through the website to review all information pages, to ensure information is relevant and up-to-date.

During quarter 3, the OPCC commissioned an accessibility audit with our website developers, to ensure the site continues to meet the international Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0. A small number of non-compliant matters were found, which were swiftly rectified. We remain committed to ensuring people with additional needs can access our web content.

Newsletter

The OPCC Newsletter remains under review, as we seek to increase the number of people signed up for the newsletter and engaging with our content. Our Digital Media Officer is in the process of redeveloping the content within the newsletter to increase the offer of unique content not seen elsewhere in our communications.

	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Recipients	255	254	254	255	255	257	257
Open rate	17.57%	18.06%	18.26%	19.82%	16.59%	40.79%	40.09%

Clicks (number of times recipients have clicked content within the newsletter)	10	12	7	21	9	7	5
Unsubscribe	0	1	0	0	1	1	0

In comparison to the previous quarter, there has been a significant increase in the open rate of the newsletter – telling us that more people are clicking on the newsletter when it arrives in their inbox.

During quarter 4, the Digital Media Officer will be engaging with our commissioned services to highlight their best practice in our newsletter, as well as speaking to Cleveland Police’s crime prevention staff to include important messaging for residents.

Planning for Quarter 4

Sexual Violence Awareness Week

Running from 6th February, Sexual Violence Awareness Week is an important date in the OPCC’s annual calendar, due to our role as a key commissioner of sexual violence support services. We plan to make an announcement during this week about a new service soon to be offered to victims in the Cleveland.

Precept Proposal

Every year the PCC is required to set the police budget for Cleveland and this may include an increase to the policing precept. It’s important to the OPCC that we effectively communicate to residents why the PCC has made a particular proposal – we plan to do this through a media release, letter to stakeholders and a leaflet to be included with all Council Tax bills.

‘PCC interviews...’ series

To further enhance our digital communications, the PCC has decided to embark on a podcast style series of short interviews with interesting individuals in the policing and criminal justice world. The first in the series will be launched during quarter 4 and will be available ahead of full release by subscribing to the PCC’s newsletter.

Community Engagement and Consultation

The role of the PCC is designed to be the link between the public and the policing service which is delivered on their behalf. PCCs are elected by the public to hold Chief Constables and the Force to account, effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve. A key role for PCCs is therefore representing and engaging with local communities to help ascertain and deliver their policing priorities.

Face-to-face engagement stalls

During quarter 3, the OPCC had a physical presence at the below events:

Date	Engagement location	Local authority area
04/10/2022	Coop Yarm	Stockton-on-Tees
06/10/2022	Coop Wynyard	Stockton-on-Tees
11/10/2022	Coop The Oval	Middlesbrough
18/10/2022	Coop Eaglescliffe	Stockton-on-Tees
20/10/2022	Tesco Redcar	Redcar and Cleveland
27/10/2022	Tesco Coulby Newham	Middlesbrough
01/11/2022	Tesco Hartlepool	Hartlepool
04/11/2022	Tesco Billingham	Stockton-on-Tees
09/11/2022	Tesco Eston	Redcar and Cleveland
15/11/2022	Tesco Stockton	Stockton-on-Tees
24/11/2022	Tesco Eaglescliffe	Stockton-on-Tees
29/11/2022	Tesco Ingleby Barwick	Stockton-on-Tees
07/12/2022	Morrisons Teesside Park	Stockton-on-Tees
08/12/2022	Cleveland Centre	Middlesbrough
12/12/2022	Parkway Centre	Middlesbrough
13/12/2022	Asda Hartlepool	Hartlepool
14/12/2022	Morrisons Guisborough	Redcar and Cleveland

The purpose of the OPCC's presence at these events is to engage with communities about crime and antisocial behaviour in their area, whilst also promoting Cleveland Online Policing App (COPA) together with information regarding victim support services,

complaints process and Community Trigger, thereby ensuring that the communities of Cleveland have easy access to a wide range of community safety information.

During November and December the community engagement stalls had a specific focus on precept consultation, using a counter based methodology to allow members of the public to express how much they would be willing to contribute towards the cost of local policing in 2023/24. The results of this consultation are detailed in a separate report.

PCC Surgeries

During 2022, the PCC committed to running appointment-based surgeries, for members of the public to meet with him face-to-face about crime and community safety issues in their area. These surgeries rotate around the Cleveland area, with a surgery taking place in each of the area's boroughs – Hartlepool, Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland – every four months.

For security reasons, the OPCC does not advertise the exact location of these surgeries for members of the public to 'drop in' and the reason for the appointment must be given in advance. This also helps the OPCC team to best prepare to assist the member of the public with their query or concern.

During Q3 ward surgeries were held in October and December. Issues raised through the surgeries included:

- Antisocial use of off road bikes and scooters
- Drug dealing and drug use
- Police response to reported incidents
- Criminal damage

Future areas of focus for consultation

Future areas of focus for consultation in 2023 include:

- Community Remedy – during Q4 the OPCC will be engaging with the local community as part of the process to put together a suite of options for Community Remedy.
- Rural Crime – in conjunction with the Tees Rural Crime Forum the OPCC will be running a survey focusing on rural community safety concerns.

Appendix A

OPCC Press Releases – Quarter 3

4th October 2022 - [PCC gives extra funding to peacekeeping project](#)

10th October 2022 - [Time for ‘a different vision’: Child sexual abuse experts call on system change to improve outcomes for Cleveland victims](#)

20th October 2022 - [Making winter feel brighter with funding for Cleveland charities](#)

24th October 2022 - [Half a million pound investment in violence reduction projects](#)

25th October 2022 - [Community member sought for violence reduction group](#)

31st October 2022 - [PCC seeks public views on police and crime budget](#)

14th November 2022 - [Early success for advocate winning back funds for scam victims](#)

15th November 2022 - [New youth voice in policing and victim services](#)

24th November 2022 - [New court role to highlight power of restorative justice](#)

30th November 2022 - [CURV funding boosts Hartlepool town centre safety](#) *(in partnership with Hartlepool Borough Council)*

7th December 2022 - [A Great start with PCC-backed MFC PL Kicks](#)

9th December 2022 - [Turning the tide on antisocial behaviour in TS4](#)



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Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner to the Chair and Members of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

7 February 2023

Police and Crime Commissioner's Scrutiny Programme Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide members of the Police and Crime Panel with an update on the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) scrutiny programme.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 Holding the Chief Constable to account is the key duty of the Police and Crime Commissioner and must encompass all the functions of the Chief Constable and functions of those who are under the Chief Constable's direction and control.
- 2.2 The PCC has established a range of scrutiny approaches to engage with the Chief Constable and hold Cleveland Police to account. These take place on a daily, weekly and monthly schedule – both formally and informally and include a range of meetings, data and feedback from partners and the public.

3. The Scrutiny Programme

- 3.1 The PCC's scrutiny programme challenges Cleveland Police in a firm but fair way. Since the last Police and Crime Panel in November 2022, the PCC has held 2 formal scrutiny meetings. These were held on; 12 December 2022 and 16 January 2023.

3.1.1 12 December 2022 – Violence Against Women and Girls

December's monthly scrutiny meeting focused on my Police and Crime Plan priority in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls. A topic that is of strategic importance and covers a range of crimes including rape and other sexual offences,

stalking, domestic abuse, 'honour' based abuse (including female genital mutilation, forced marriage and 'honour' killings), 'revenge porn' and 'upskirting'.

Specifically at this meeting the PCC sought assurance on:

- i. Delivery against the National Police Chief Council (NPCC) performance and outcomes framework
- ii. What changes the force have implemented as a result of the Non-fatal strangulation offence introduced in June 2022
- iii. What plans the force have in place to increase women and girls feelings of safety in the night time economy over christmas period.

The PCC was **assured** by the Force's presentation, which contained a lot of information around the planning and strategy work that has been developed to date. The PCC highlighted that through the partnership work CURV was implementing in the night time economy it would go some way to improving feelings of safety whilst at the same time reducing violent crime.

3.1.2 **16 January 2023 – Effective Policing and Criminal Justice**

At this meeting the PCC sought assurance from the force on three distinct matters relating to the Police and Crime Plan priority – Effective Policing and Criminal Justice. This priority is around ensuring Cleveland Police are delivering an efficient and effective service as well as those across the broader Criminal Justice System. It is key for the PCC to understand and scrutinise this area as Chair of the Local Criminal Justice Board – the forum that brings together senior leaders from across the Criminal Justice landscape.

The PCC asked the follow questions:

- i. Can assurance be provided in relation to the forces preparedness in relation to the Out of Court Disposal National Strategy 2022
- ii. Case file rejections are significantly down from a high in May 2022 (following a significant spike). What do the force put this down to and how do they plan to further maintain and improve this moving forward?
- iii. What are the force doing to improve the positive outcome rates for neighbourhood crime and how are offenders being effectively managed through Integrated Offender Management arrangements.

The force shared a lot of information in response to the questions which included benefits of the move towards the new Out of Court Disposal National Strategy, examples of positive working with CPS and some improved performance information in relation to positive outcome rates. As a result the PCC was **partly assured** by the Force's presentation. However he requested more information in relation to staffing needs within the Integrated Offender Management team and timelines to achieve full establishment. Further assurance on these matters would have resulted in assurance from the PCC on this topic.

4. Finance

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. Risk

5.1 There are no risk implications arising from this report.

6. Diversity and Equal Opportunities

6.1 There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That this report is noted.

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Report of the Police & Crime Commissioner to the Chair and Members of the Cleveland Police & Crime Panel

7 February 2023

Decisions made by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland – November 2022 to January 2023

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel (PCP) with an update on decisions made by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) since the last meeting including forward planning.

Background

2. The Police and Crime Commissioner makes all decisions unless specifically delegated within the Scheme of Consent/Delegation. All decisions demonstrate that they are soundly based on relevant information and that the decision-making process is open and transparent.
3. In addition, a forward plan is included which includes items requiring a decision in the future. This is attached at Appendix 1 of the report.
4. Each decision made by the PCC is recorded on a decision record form with supporting background information appended (as necessary). Once approved it is published on the PCC website.
5. Decisions relating to private/confidential matters will be recorded; although, it may be appropriate that full details are not published.

Decisions of the Police and Crime Commissioner

6. Decisions made since the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel are listed in Appendix 2.

Implications

7. All necessary decisions consider financial, legal, equality & diversity, human rights act, sustainability and risk implications within the decision record form of each decision that the PCC makes.

Steve Turner
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland



Appendix 1

Forward Plan

The forward planner forms part of the PCC's planning and scrutiny programme. It supports with the planning, implementation and monitoring of the Police and Crime Plan.

Specifically, it includes details showing:

- When financial and resource decisions will be taken; including the approval of funds and grants made by the PCC.
- Scrutiny/delivery meeting dates and themes
- When key consultation and engagement events will take place.

Scrutiny

- 6th February 2023 – Quarterly performance scrutiny meeting
- 20th March 2023 – Scrutiny meeting

Consultation and Engagement

- 6th February – Sexual Violence Awareness Week Engagement Event
- 21st February – Ward Surgery, Middlesbrough
- 28 February – Stockton Members Briefing Session
- 23rd March – Ward Surgery, Location TBC

Decisions

- Police Precept Proposal – February 2023
- Approval of 2023/24 Budget and associated papers – February / March 2023

Appendix 2

Summary of Decisions made by the PCC (November 2022 – 7 February 2023)

Full details of all decisions (including funding decisions) made and supporting documents are available on the PCC's website.

<https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/working-for-you/decisions/decision-notice/>

Ref number	Title
2022-0019	St Ann's Partnership – Police Property Act Fund
2022-0020	Domestic Abuse Services Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Multi-Year Funding - Grant Consolidation and Contract Variation 2022/25
2022-0021	Core Victims Funding Uplift 2022/23
2022-0022	Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) Serious Violence Fund - Stockton Borough Council
2022-0023	Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) Serious Violence Fund – Redcar Council
2022-0024	Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) Serious Violence Fund – Middlesbrough Council
2022/2023-0025	December Funding Meeting (Community Safety Funding and Police Property Act Funding – 'Brighter Days' applications).

**CLEVELAND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 7 February 2023
MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER**

Question 1

Question from Luigi Salvati for response by the Commissioner

'My question relates to the Port Clarence area, particularly the stretch of road (Haverton Hill and Port Clarence Roads) from the Incinerator to the Seal Sands turn off at the Calor Depot.

I have noted that there is a weight limit for the bridge prior to the pub, and for Port Clarence itself.

Over the past few months, I have noticed a rise in Lorries constantly breaking the 7.5 tonne weight limit, ranging from 18-44 tonnes max gross weight, flouting the limit.

My concern is for residents and the school with the 20 mph surrounding it.

Does the Commissioner, when regularly scrutinising the Chief Constable, look at how effective he, and the Force are, in enforcing the Road Traffic Laws and Regulations.'

Question 2

Question from Paul McGrath for response by the Commissioner

'Cleveland police has an enviable record in respect of voluntary cadets. Recently the press has reported on a scheme developed by another North East force which involves the recruitment of students with special educational needs. Will Cleveland consider a similar scheme?'

CLEVELAND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL - FORWARD PLAN

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Item/Subject</u>
	2022/23
7 February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept proposals for 2023/224 • Task and Finish Group – Budget Strategy/Precept • Police and Crime Plan Performance Report • Commissioner’s Scrutiny Programme • Decisions of the Commissioner • Communication, Consultation and Engagement Update • Members’ Questions to the Commissioner • Public Questions • Forward Plan

Proposed 2023/24 dates

- 4 July 2023 at 5.00pm
- 12 September 2023 at 5.00pm
- 14 November 2023 at 5.00pm
- 6 February 2024 at 5.00pm

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