



13 July 2020

Dear Barry

Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2019 – 2020

Further to Cleveland Police and Crime Panel's consideration of your Annual Report 2019 - 2020, at its meeting held on 7 July 2020, please see below, the relevant draft minute, from that meeting, which reflects the Panel's review of the report. Please accept this letter as the report from the Panel.

PCP 6/20 Annual Report of Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner

Members considered the Commissioner's 2019 - 2020 Annual Report.

The report reflected a cross-section of the work the Commissioner had undertaken to implement his 71 point Police & Crime Plan, the Commissioner was grateful to the commitment and dedication of the staff in while in office; the Chief Constable Richard Lewis and all at Cleveland Police; the statutory partners and local agencies; many residents and community groups; and all those who work so hard in the communities, as organised groups, or as individuals, to keep the communities safe.

During the Commissioners term of office he had attended over 700 community meetings to hear first-hand of the needs and challenges in the communities, which the Commissioner had either taken up directly, or had reflected in the policies, programmes and initiatives that had been developed.

There had been no shortage of challenges in 2019/20. Following an inspection, HMICFRS found the Force inadequate in its performance. The Commissioner was pleased his appointment of Chief Constable Richard Lewis in April 2019 was showing progress. The Commissioner could see evidence of improvement in several areas, reinforced by the positive attitude within the Force and the feedback he had received from the communities, but the Commissioner recognised there was still much for Cleveland Police to do. The Commissioner would continue to encourage and support this progress, and monitor on behalf of residents of Cleveland through his wide-ranging scrutiny programme.

Ten years of Government austerity had also taken its toll across all public services. Having campaigned against cuts to policing over this period, The Commissioner welcomed the recognition investment was needed in policing and the extra resources distributed nationally in the autumn 2019, which had worked through in the spring 2020 to extra officers on the streets, however the Commissioner felt that this must be retained year on year and there must be the real time growth in spending this area needs and deserves.

The report also highlighted the wide-ranging activities undertaken to get a better deal for victims of crime; to help prevent offending and reoffending behavior; to collaborate with public and third sector organisations; and to build stronger communities.

The Commissioner was immensely proud of all of this work, of how people in all organisations, and in the communities, rise to the challenge every day of the inequalities and injustices many of them face, and the part he had been able to play in helping and making progress.

The next year would be a real challenge, as everyone moved through Covid-19 and developed further responses to that, including different ways of working and living.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report be noted.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Tony Riordan
Chair of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel