



Report of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland on the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2024-29

At its meeting on Tuesday 12 November 2024, the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's Draft Police and Crime Plan 2024-29.

In introducing his report, the Commissioner set out his strategic vision and objectives for policing and community safety in the local policing area based on the manifesto commitments he had highlighted during his election campaign.

The Panel noted that in developing the plan, and to ensure it reflected the police and crime issues affecting the local area, the Commissioner had drawn on a wide range of information from police, community safety and criminal justice partners and a wide range of local data, strategies and national priorities including:

- Local police performance data, including national comparator datasets and national crime and policing measures.
- Community Safety Partnership Plans.
- Local Criminal Justice Board priorities.
- The Strategic Policing Requirement published in February 2023.
- HMICFRS State of Policing Report 2023 published in July 2024.
- Policing Productivity Review published in November 2023.
- Emerging Government commitments, policy and legislative changes.

A comprehensive public consultation programme had also taken place, initially planned over a six week period but extended for a further four weeks following the disorder events during July/August. The activity included:

- An online survey
- Engagement stalls
- Briefings and meetings
- Victim/survivor focus groups –
- Workshops with diverse groups – the PCC visited young people, older

Several key themes had emerged through the consultation process and having taken account of all the information and intelligence gathered, the resulting Plan focused on the following six priority objectives in support of an overall vision of 'Safe, strong and confident communities'

- Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm
- Deliver more visible and effective policing
- Improve safety for women and girls
- Ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people
- Build trust and confidence in policing and the criminal justice system
- Prevent offending and re-offending

Panel Members were complimentary of the extent of public consultation that had taken place, particularly in the light of the disorder events that had affected the original consultation and engagement programme.

The clear focus on improving safety for women and girls was welcomed and Panel members were pleased that reference was made to stalking and domestic abuse within this priority area, noting that men were often the victims of these types of crimes.

The Panel emphasised the importance of partnership working, particularly with housing providers, to support the work on offending and re-offending and were glad to see this recognised in the Plan.

The Panel felt that the report was clear and well presented and **RESOLVED** that the plan be welcomed.