Item 8



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Community Outcomes Meetings

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1. Background

- 1.1 Community Outcomes Meetings are one of the ways in which the Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account.
- 1.2 These meetings were adapted in April 2015 to ensure a clear focus on important policing and community safety issues which are of public interest. The aim is to offer greater transparency to communities about how the Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account on these important issues. To help demonstrate this, the Commissioner has asked the Force to include an assessment of the wider public interest in their reports to the OPCC under the specific heading of 'community impact'.
- 1.3 Community Outcomes Meetings are held every eight weeks. The agenda and agreed minutes are available on the Commissioner's website at <u>http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/holding-the-chief-constable-to-account.aspx</u>. The Commissioner is also piloting the filming of conversations with the Chief Constable at the meetings so that communities can see the process for themselves.

2. Recent Community Outcomes Meetings

- 2.1 There have been three Community Outcomes meetings since the last report to the Police and Crime Panel on 11 September 2015. These meetings took place in September 2015, November 2015 and January 2016. The minutes of the September and November meetings are held at Appendix A, along with the previously unseen minutes of the August meeting. The minutes of the January 2016 meeting have yet to be agreed.
- 2.2 Key areas for discussion in September included:
 - Devolution
 - Child Sexual Exploitation
 - Stop and Search
 - Complaints and Conduct
- 2.3 Key areas for discussion in November included:
 - Devolution
 - Dewsbury petition
 - Police officer welfare
 - Integrated Offender Management
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Handheld devices and body-worn cameras

- 2.4 Key areas for discussion in January included:
 - Human trafficking
 - Complaints
 - Stop and Search
 - Volunteering
 - Budget
- 2.5 It is recognised that the Commissioner does regularly feedback to the Panel on key issues through the formal reporting structure or under the Panel's standing item; *Commissioner's Response to Any Current Issues.*

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 At the November Community Outcomes meeting the Commissioner stressed the importance of benefits realisation of the hand-held devices. Members may wish to ask whether progress has been made by the Force in collecting and analysing data relating to the use of the hand-held devices.
- 3.2 Members may wish to propose items to be raised at future Community Outcomes Meetings in order to assist the Commissioner in his role of holding the temporary Chief Constable to account.