



Friday 11th September 2015
Community Outcomes Meetings

Item 9

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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 <http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/holding-the-chief-constable-to-account.aspx>. 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. These meetings took place in April, June and August 2015. The minutes of the April and June meetings are held at Appendix A. The minutes of the August meeting have yet to be agreed.
- 2.2 The Force's use of Stop and Search Powers and Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation are standing items at each meeting. Urgent items can also be added by the Commissioner or the Temporary Chief Constable.
- 2.3 Other key areas for discussion in April included:
 - Youths travelling to Syria
 - Policing of football matches
 - Complaints against the police
 - Speeding
- 2.4 Other key areas for discussion in June included:
 - Bradford family travelling to Syria
 - Stabbing of the teacher in Bradford
 - Hate Crime
 - Volunteering
 - ASB issues relating to the Ale Trail

2.5 Other key areas for discussion in August included:

- Human trafficking
- Cyber crime
- Firearms

2.6 Whilst this is the first report that the Panel has received on the new style Community Outcomes Meetings, it is recognised that the Commissioner does 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 Panel's Awayday in July 2015, Panel discussed the possibility of working with the OPCC on specific areas of scrutiny. Members may wish to discuss with the Commissioner which area(s), which have been raised at Community Outcomes Meetings, could be an area to focus on i.e. Stop and Search.