

North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel**11 January 2018****Update following presentation of the Panel's annual report to the
Scarborough Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny Board****1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To update the Panel on issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 13th December 2017; and
- 1.2 To seek comment from the PCC on the issues raised, as appropriate, to assist in responding to the Board.

2.0 Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting – 13 December 2017

- 2.1 Since the inception of Police and Crime Panels in 2012, the Panel Chair has been keen to extend an open invitation to the District Councils and City of York, via their Crime and Disorder Committees, to attend one of their meetings to update on the work of the Panel. Scarborough Borough Council invited the Chair and Secretariat officer to attend their Overview and Scrutiny Board ("O&S Board") on 13th December 2017 to present an annual update report on Panel business and future plans. The full report can be found at <https://democracy.scarborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=722&MId=9191&Ver=4>. Questions received and issues raised focussed on the following points:

(a) 101 non-emergency number - concerns were expressed around the performance of the 101 service. One view expressed was that having more localised means of contact with the Police (e.g. attending the local police station) is seen as more helpful in some communities than ringing through to 101 as a more 'centralised' service. It was felt that this had been an effective method in the past of prioritising local concerns and issues and getting a quick response. The Panel Chair acknowledged the local concerns and that this issue remains a standing item for the time being on the Panel agenda, with a substantive update to be taken in January 2018.

(b) Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) – one O&S Board Member highlighted the critical role that PCSOs play in local communities and asked if the Panel were aware of whether there are any plans to expand their role and remit. The Panel Chair responded that to his knowledge, PCSOs are currently discharging the full role and powers legally available to them, but that this point would need to be clarified via the PCC.

(c) Neighbourhood Watch – concern was expressed regarding the sustainability of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Scarborough area and it was highlighted that many new schemes do not appear to last beyond six months due to lack of support. The Panel Chair agreed that this would be fed back at the Panel meeting.

The O&S Board also asked the Panel Chair about the PCC's consultation on her local business case regarding options for collaboration between the Police and Fire and Rescue Service. The Chair outlined the Panel's response and rationale for proposing that the Representation Model be adopted.

- 2.2 The PCC is invited to comment on the issues raised with the Panel by the O&S Board. The Panel will refer any responses back in writing to the Chair of the O&S Board.
- 2.3 The Panel Chair has been invited to attend a meeting of the Craven District Council Crime and Disorder Committee on 28th February 2018. An update will be provided to the Panel thereafter.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the Panel:

- (a) note the update provided; and
- (b) invite the PCC to comment on the issues raised by the Scarborough O&S Board.

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Background Documents: None.