

**Report of the Chief Executive to the Chair and Members
of the Operational Policing Panel
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Young Persons Local Policing Summary 2011-2012

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report outlines Cleveland Police Authority's approach to participation and engagement with young people in the Cleveland Police area. The overall aim of this work is to:
- Communicate Cleveland Police Authority's Local Policing Plan Summary to young people aged 11-19, living in the area.
 - Deliver some of the key messages within the plan to young people and obtain their views on policing priorities for 2012-2013.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to note the contents of the report.

3. Reasons

- 3.1 The Serious and Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 introduced the requirement on Police Authorities to produce and distribute a local policing summary to all council tax paying households in the area. The summaries are seen as a good means of communicating with the public to get across some key messages about the force and its planned activities.
- 3.2 The Police Authority (Community Engagement and Membership) Regulations 2010 which came into force on 17th March 2010 stated that in making

arrangements for obtaining the views of people in the police area, the Police Authority has particular regard for people who are under 21.

- 3.3 For the past four years, Cleveland Police Authority has worked with groups of young people from each of our policing districts to produce district versions of the summary specifically for 11-19 year olds.
- 3.4 Production of a young person's summary forms a large part of our youth engagement and consultation work. This year the project will involve young people from disadvantaged backgrounds from across the Cleveland area as well as a group of young people from the Cleveland Police Cadet Scheme in designing and producing the young person's version for each of the four police districts.
- 3.5 There are approximately 45,000 young people aged 11-19 in the Cleveland Police Area. Therefore it is proposed that 45,000 copies of the young person's summary be distributed to schools and colleges across Cleveland during September (after the summer holidays).
- 3.6 The final documents will be presented by the young people to Cleveland Police Authority and representatives of the Force at a Launch event that will take place on 12th September 2011.
- 3.7 All of the work will be undertaken by and with the active involvement of young people, and will be delivered with the support of a team of qualified and experienced youth workers. The whole process will be project managed by Just 4 Youth at West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust.
- 3.8 West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust offers a unique service as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Units Young Advisors Pilot Project. The scheme allows young people to become better involved in decision making processes and gives young people the opportunity to 'youth proof' local strategies, thus raising the profile of youth engagement.
- 3.9 The young advisors will receive training from West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust in the skills needed to engage in policy development. There are accredited qualifications for those who want it in the form of an ASDAN Award and the skills and experience gained will be invaluable to building a good CV and demonstrating their positive involvement as active citizens.

4. Implications

4.1 Finance

The total cost of the project is £14,917. All work will be delivered within the Police Authority's existing strategic planning and consultation budgets.

4.2 **Diversity/Equal Opportunities**

All staff from West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust involved in delivering the project are CRB cleared and their work will be covered by West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust policies and procedures, including Diversity and Equality, Child Protection and Health and Safety.

4.3 **Human Rights Act Implications**

There are no human rights act implications arising from this report.

4.4 **Sustainability**

There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

4.5 **Risk**

Failure to take account of consultation findings could result in reduced public confidence in the Force and the Authority and therefore lead to a reduction in engagement with communities. This project forms a large part of the Authority's youth engagement and consultation work.

5. **Conclusion**

- 5.1 This project will allow young people in the Cleveland Police area to make a positive contribution through better involvement in our decision making processes.

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