

To: Chair and Members of the Operational Policing Panel
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Young Person's Policing Plan Summary Results

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 Engaging with the public and seeking the views of our communities remains a key activity for Cleveland Police Authority. This report presents the findings of consultation activity with eleven to nineteen year olds undertaken by Cleveland Police Authority through the young person's policing summary questionnaire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members take note of the consultation findings outlined at Appendix A.

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 This is the fifth year that 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 eleven to nineteen year olds. Production of a young person's summary forms a large part of our youth engagement and consultation work.

- 3.4 52,000 copies of the leaflets were produced for distribution to young people aged eleven to nineteen in education in the Cleveland Police area. Each leaflet contained a freepost questionnaire focusing on crime and anti-social behaviour priorities and confidence in policing. In total 3692 completed questionnaires were received.

4. Key Findings

- 4.1 Across the whole Cleveland area the top three crime concerns were house burglary, criminal damage and robbery/mugging. Drugs were also a key concern in all areas. These top priorities remain consistent with last year's consultation.
- 4.2 The top three crime concerns remained similar across all four BCUs, with house burglary featuring as a key concern in all areas. Criminal damage was a particular concern in both Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland and robbery was more of a concern in Middlesbrough and Hartlepool than in other areas.
- 4.3 Across the whole Cleveland area the top three anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around the streets, rubbish/litter and vandalism and graffiti. These are the same top concerns as in previous years.
- 4.4 These top three concerns remained roughly the same across all four BCUs, although noisy neighbours was a particular issue in Hartlepool, and vandalism and graffiti was more of a concern in Stockton than in other areas.
- 4.5 Across the whole Cleveland area confidence had risen slightly since 2010, from 42% to 43.5%. Confidence had risen in all areas except Hartlepool, although last year very few returns were received from Hartlepool so their results could not be considered statistically significant.
- 4.6 The young people questioned through this consultation expressed lower levels of confidence than adults questioned through the Local Public Confidence Survey and the British Crime Survey, however the high proportion of don't know answers in this survey could account partly for the lower confidence levels.

5. Implications

5.1 Finance

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

5.2 Diversity/Equal Opportunities

Cleveland Police Authority has built targeting of hard to engage groups into its consultation strategy and plans.

5.3 **Human Rights Act Implications**

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

5.4 **Sustainability**

There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

5.5 **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 consultation forms a large part of the Authority's engagement and consultation work with young people.

6. **Conclusion**

- 6.1 The full results of the consultation are outlined at Appendix A. It is recommended that members take into account these consultation findings when setting and approving the local policing priorities for 2012-2013.

Jeremy Holderness
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