

To: Chair and Members of the Operational Policing Panel
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Executive & Presenting Officer: Mrs Sarah Wilson, Consultation & Performance Officer

Status : For information

Young Persons Local Policing Summary Launch 2011

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 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 11-19 year olds. Production of a young person's summary forms a large part of our youth engagement and consultation work.
- 3.4 This year the project involved young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, sourced through Coast and Country Housing in Redcar and Cleveland, the Hype Project in Stockton and the West View Project in Hartlepool, together with young people from the Cleveland Police Cadet Scheme, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland units.
- 3.5 The whole process was project managed by Just 4 Youth at West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust, and also involved youth workers from the projects involved together with Police Authority officers and representatives from Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
- 3.6 The project ran for four days from 25th July to 28th July, and was held at the Acklam Green Centre in Middlesbrough. During this time the young people were involved in a variety of activities including:
- Team building activities involving the young people and Neighbourhood Policing Officers from each of the four Districts.
 - Studying the 'adult' policing summaries and giving comments on their content.
 - Information gathering on current policing issues of interest to young people.
 - Designing the layout and content of the 'youth proofed' leaflets.
 - Working with a graphic designer to produce final layouts.
 - Input from an ex offender.
 - Completion of ASDAN awards which are an accredited qualification.
- 3.7 52,000 copies of the leaflets were produced for distribution to young people aged 11-19 in education in the Cleveland Police Area. The leaflets are to be distributed by Neighbourhood Police Teams and the Middlesbrough Schools Liaison Officer during September 2011.
- 3.8 Each leaflet contains a freepost questionnaire focusing on crime and anti-social behaviour priorities and confidence in policing. The results of this survey form a key part of how the Police Authority consults with this age group, and feed directly into the strategic priority setting process. To encourage young people to take part in the consultation all completed entries are entered into a prize drawer. In 2010 4982 entries were received.
- 3.9 The final documents were presented by the young people to Cleveland Police Authority and representatives of the Force at a Launch event at Ladgate Lane on 12th September 2011.

4. Implications

4.1 Finance

The total cost of the project was £14,917. All work was 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 is 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 allows young people in the Cleveland Police area to make a positive contribution through better involvement in our decision making processes and also forms a key part of the Authority's consultation work with young people.

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