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PCP Response to Draft Police, Crime and Victims Plan 2016-2021

Dear Mr Hogg,

As Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel, I would like to thank you for attending the Panel's meeting on 28th October 2016 to present and respond to questions on your draft Police, Crime and Victims Plan from Panel Members.

The Panel gave support to the aims and objectives within the draft plan and gave praise to the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner for the production of a comprehensive document that clearly identifies approaches and outcomes to achieve the Plan's aims and objectives. Furthermore, Members also welcome the report on findings from the Plan's consultation.

Panel Members were positive that there had been an increase in respondents to the consultation and note the wide range of approaches that have been undertaken to attend community events, partnership meetings and the ability complete the survey online. However, the Panel share your views with regard to the number of responses that was received from the Darlington area and would welcome the opportunity to work with your office to identify further groups or associations to target and encourage an increase in response within future consultation exercises.

Panel Members also acknowledge your approach to take into consideration a broad range of views from the consultation exercise to then amend and strengthen the Plan's objectives and approaches.

In addition, specific reference was made on activity to increase the visibility of police officers within our communities and note the introduction of 'park, walk and talk' within certain localities.

To deliver these aims and objectives, Members note performance measures that have been identified to monitor progress for you to hold the force to

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account and of which a quarterly performance report will be presented to the Panel to provide challenge and is also publically available from your website.

In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I trust you find the Panel's views are constructive and I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joy Allen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Councillor Joy Allen
Chair of the Durham Police and Crime Panel