

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING**  
**SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES**

20 November 2018

**SUBJECT: CITIZENS IN POLICING**

**Report of the Chief Constable**

<p><b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b></p> <p>1. To provide an update to the PCC on the activities associated with Citizens in Policing.</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) seeks to understand the work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police volunteers.</p>
<p><b>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</b></p> <p>3. Citizens in Policing is included in the Making Sure Criminal Justice Works outcome, as well as the delivery mechanisms of 'Working together' and 'improving our services', Citizens in policing is an umbrella term for volunteers who support the police either directly or indirectly. The citizens' role in policing continues to be vital. Embracing and developing 'citizens in policing' provides an excellent opportunity to not only increase additional capabilities, but also to ensure that the service continues to successfully police with our communities' consent.</p>
<p><b>KEY INFORMATION</b></p> <p>4. In addition to the support of West Yorkshire Police Volunteers, the PCC is actively engaged with the Third Sector in West Yorkshire including running a bi-monthly Third Sector Advisory Group and having a representative of the Third Sector on the Partnership Executive Group.</p> <p>5. The PCC hosts an annual Third Sector Conference which focusses on different challenging themes for the sector. The most recent conference in November 2017 brought together a wide range of over 130 colleagues from across the sector to discuss how the third sector and West Yorkshire Police (WYP) could work better together in the context of the delivery of the outcomes of the Police and Crime Plan 2016-21.</p> <p>6. OPCC attend the West Yorkshire Police Strategic Independent Advisory Group ensuring issues raised by the group also inform delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, the PCC also attends the West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Watch Annual Conference.</p> <p>7. The PCC operates an Independent Custody Visiting Scheme, enabling volunteer members of the public to make unannounced visits to police custody sites 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to check on the welfare of detainees and the environment in which they are being held.</p>

8. The PCC has also previously engaged with the Explorer programme and will continue to support the newly established Cadet Scheme.
9. The PCC has a Youth Advisory Group made up of volunteers from across West Yorkshire aged 13 - 21. The group gives the PCC direct contact with young people who are able to express their views and comments which will steer all future decisions, policy and engagement.

#### **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

10. The OPCC is represented on the Citizens in Policing Board run by West Yorkshire Police; previously named the Strategic Volunteering Board. The group discuss overall numbers of volunteers on a quarterly basis, reviews current practices and considers new developments across the Citizens in Policing Agenda.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

- [Chief Constables report – Citizens in Policing \(PDF 534KB\)](#)