

Appendix 6

Scrutiny Management Board - Update from Chair of Cumbria Police and Crime Panel

1.0 Purpose of Update

This report updates Scrutiny Management Board (SMB) on the work of the Cumbria Police and Crime Panel and any issues and developments that have occurred since the last meeting of SMB.

2.0 Board meeting Update

2.1 The Police and Crime Panel last met on the 19 July 2022.

2.2 **Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2021-22:** The Panel considered the sixth PCC Annual Report, following the publication of the PCC's Police & Crime Plan last year. Members explored how each of the police and crime objectives were being met, including key successes such as Cumbria's response time for answering 101 calls being one of the best performing in the country, as well as the Force currently being the fourth best rated in the country for managing offenders. Members drew particular focus to the lack of performance data which would help to enable scrutiny of the information in the annual report. It was agreed that the availability of future performance information to the Panel would be considered.

2.3 **Police and Crime Panel Chairman's Annual Report 2021-22:** The Panel received the Chair's Annual Report which highlighted activity over the last year, including reviewing the PCC's new Police & Crime Plan 2021-2025.

2.4 **Performance Update on the Police and Crime Plan:** Members considered how the PCC was meeting Objective 3 of the Police & Crime Plan: A Focus on Victims. This was part of an overall work programme to provide scrutiny of all objectives of the Plan. While this opened discussion of important issues, Members stated they would value a review of trends and trajectory covering all key objectives of the plan and it was agreed that this will be considered with the Chair and officers for the next meeting.

2.5 **Governance of Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service:** The PCC has recently been successful in his business case to take on the governance of Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service. Members suggested during the meeting that additional training and development regarding fire governance be made available to members. Officers will work with the Chair to ensure that the Panel are prepared for the changes that local government reorganisation and the additional responsibility of fire governance will bring in the future.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 The next Police and Crime Panel meeting is scheduled for 14 October 2022.

**Chair: Cllr Bill McEwan
September 2022**