COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

11 October 2016

SUBJECT: CYBER CRIME

Report of the Chief Constable

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. This report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the Policing of Cyber Crime.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner uses this report to scrutinise Force activity in respect of Cyber Crime.

PRIORITY IN THE POLICING AND CRIME PLAN

Cyber crime and its associated activities are growing, the PCC has committed to work with partners including the police service to ensure they have the right skill sets and tools to investigate and protect individuals, businesses and communities against crimes perpetrated via the Internet.

- The PCC has provided £3.5m to tackle issues such as cyber-crime, and West Yorkshire Police have set up a cyber-crime team to develop the approach and facilitate learning amongst wider officers. More serious cyber-crime is dealt with by the Regional Cyber Crime Unit, the PCC has visited those working within the Unit to hear about the work they do and this work will continue to be supported through collaboration and the funding attached to it.

- The PCC is represented on West Yorkshire Police's Cyber Board that comprises primarily Police force colleagues.

- The PCC is also represented on and has recently met West Yorkshire Police's Cyber Independent Advisory Board that comprises of partners from the public and private sectors and academia.

- West Yorkshire Police were successful with a bid for a grant of £643,290 from the Police Knowledge Fund. The grant will be used to produce an evidence based approach to fighting cyber crime from the frontline. The Project will analyse how cyber crime is currently investigated with the aim of identifying any gaps and needs in the policing of cyber crime.

- West Yorkshire Police and the PCC host information on their websites for members of the public on how to safeguard themselves online, and regularly promote this information through social media.

- The community conversation survey (a survey designed to ensure communities are listened to and involved) asked questions about cyber crime the responses can be found on the PCC's website.

- Following discussions with the PCCs Youth Advisory Group, the PCC has supported the NSPCC's 'Flaw in the Law' campaign (to make it a crime for an adult to send a child a sexual message) and their 'Share Aware' campaign (to inform parents about the risks of different social network sites used by children).

- The PCC also wrote to the Secretary of State for Justice to support calls for new and enhanced laws around internet trolls and so called 'revenge porn'.

- Many of the PCCs Safer Communities Fund projects continue to have a key cyber crime focus raising awareness of online exploitation.

ATTACHMENT

➢ [Chief Constables report – Cyber Crime](#) (PDF 408KB)