

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

5 January 2016

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONSTABLES AND POLICE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Joint report of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. This report outlines an overview of Special Constables– November 2015, West Yorkshire Police Volunteering Overview- November 2015 and the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme – December 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

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

PRIORITY IN THE POLICING AND CRIME PLAN

3. Working together is vital to way to make sure that communities are safer and feel safer. This is not just the responsibility of the police but is everyone's business. The PCC is committed to working in partnership which includes volunteers, he has promised to work with the CC to involve the community through appropriate volunteering opportunities and to work with the police service towards recruiting more special constables in local areas.
 - The PCC is working with the CC on an appropriate adult scheme it is hoped that this will be in place by the end of 2016.
 - West Yorkshire's Independent Custody Visiting Scheme enables volunteer members of the local community, unconnected with the police or criminal justice system, to act as independent monitors, checking on the treatment of detainees and the conditions in which they are held and that their rights and entitlements are being observed. The reports provided by the Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) enhance public confidence in policing and are an important part of the relationship between the police and the community, a report outlining the scheme will be presented to the PCC at a future meeting.
 - The OPCC have provided input to Force Explorers about the role of the PCC – Explorers is designed for young people aged 16-18 to investigate different aspects of policing and at the same time support their communities through volunteering.
 - The PCC has supported and attended a variety of events to recruit special constables. Specials come from a wide range of backgrounds, the PCC has done all that he can to encourage applications from underrepresented groups including those from a BME background.
 - PCCs Youth Advisory Group – the group has 64 registered members who have undertaken work around topics including Child Sexual Exploitation, trafficking and police behaviour.

ATTACHMENTS

- [OPCC Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Update](#) (PDF 36KB)
- [OPCC Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Update: Appendix A](#) (PDF 130KB)
- [OPCC Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Update: Appendix B](#) (PDF 40KB)
- [OPCC Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Update: Appendix C](#) (PDF 322KB)
- [OPCC Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Update: Appendix D](#) (PDF 298KB)
- [WYP Special Constabulary Overview – December 2015](#) (PDF 736KB)
- [WYP Volunteering Overview – December 2015](#) (PDF 546KB)