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## **Report of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland on the Commissioner's Annual Report 2021/22**

At its meeting on Tuesday 15 November 2022, the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2021/22

The Commissioner introduced his report and expressed his pride at the work that had been undertaken and progress made during the year.

The Commissioner gave credit to his team, in particular the Chief Executive, and how positively they had responded to a different direction and focus. He also highlighted the work of the Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) and suggested a representative from the unit be invited to a future meeting to share further detail on their work.

A panel member asked for further information regarding recruitment and whether there was a focus on permanent officers rather than special constables. The Commissioner confirmed that recruiting special constables was a challenge, but that the ones currently recruited brought a variety of skills and experience with them. There was a pledge to double the number of special constables and work was ongoing to achieve this. The Commissioner clarified that special constables do not receive a reduction in their council tax.

A panel member sought assurance on the recruitment and vetting processes following recent national press coverage relating to people with criminal records gaining employment within the Police. The Commissioner confirmed that in terms of vetting new officers, the Force had stringent processes in place, and he was confident the process was as robust as it could be.

The Panel welcomed the Annual Report and commented that it was well presented and easy to read.

The Panel resolved to note the Annual Report.