

**Summary of Recent External Inspection Reports****Paul Godden, Corporate Development Department**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide members with details of recent external inspection reports and an overview of the process in place to manage the Force's response to inspection recommendations and findings.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The following national inspection reports have been published by HMIC since the last Joint Independent Audit Committee:

- [PEEL Police Efficiency 2016: Northumbria Police](#)
- [HMIC Best Use of Stop and Search \(BUSS\) scheme revisit assessment](#)

- 2.2 The Corporate Development Department acts as the central liaison point for all HMIC related matters.

- 2.3 All HMIC inspection reports and other external inspection reports are considered by Chief Officers. A project lead is appointed to consider inspection findings and prepare an action plan in response to any recommendations and areas for improvement identified. These action plans are agreed by the Executive Board and by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

- 2.4 Project teams are appointed to support implementation of the action plan, as appropriate. Progress against agreed action plans is reported to the Strategic Management Board.

- 2.5 There are no matters of exception for the current reporting period for existing action plans in response to previous inspections.

**PEEL Police Efficiency 2016: Northumbria Police**

- 2.6 As part of its annual inspections into police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL), HMIC have examined how well police forces are able to forecast demand for their services now and in the longer term, and how they manage their resources. A police force is considered efficient if it maximises the outcomes from its available resources.

- 2.7 Police forces were assessed against the overarching question 'How efficient is the force at keeping people safe and reducing crime?', and how well they:

- Understand their current and likely future demand;
- Use their resources to manage current demand;
- Plan for demand in the future.

- 2.8 The overall judgment for Northumbria Police was **GOOD**.

- 2.9 Northumbria Police is one of 33 forces assessed as good overall. 8 forces are judged as requires improvement, and two as outstanding (Durham and West Midlands). No force was found to be inadequate.

**HMIC Best Use of Stop and Search (BUSS) scheme revisit assessment**

- 2.10 In 2014, the Home Office and College of Policing launched the BUSS scheme. The Scheme aims to achieve greater transparency and community involvement in the use of stop and search powers, and to support a more intelligence-led approach, leading to better outcomes.
- 2.11 In 2015, HMIC assessed the compliance with each feature of the Scheme as part of the 2015 PEEL Legitimacy inspection and identified that Northumbria Police was one of 13 forces that did not comply with three or more features of the BUSS scheme. As a result, HMIC committed to revisit those forces within six months to determine what improvements have been made.
- 2.12 HMIC reassessed compliance by reviewing a document return and forces' websites to assess whether sufficient improvement had been made to allow re-entry onto the scheme.
- 2.13 HMIC's revisit assessment found that Northumbria Police now complies with all features of the Scheme and the Home Secretary has reinstated full membership (September 2016).

**3. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no additional financial considerations arising from this report.

**4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no legal considerations arising from the content of this report.

**5. EQUALITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no equality implications arising from the content of this report.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 HMIC expects that progress is made in response to the recommendations and uses progress against previous recommendations to assess risk when considering future inspection activity.
- 6.2 The Force prepares action plans in response to HMIC findings, as appropriate, and delivery is monitored at the Force's Strategic Management Board.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to note the recent inspection reports.