



Public Accountability Board



Meeting:

Reporting Period: November 2017

Policing update – Kirby Misperton





Overview of Operation Kingfisher

- Our aim is to ensure that North Yorkshire Police provides a consistent and co-ordinated policing response to any hydraulic fracturing (fracking) related protest activity, fulfilling our core responsibilities and conducting ourselves in a manner compatible with the values of North Yorkshire Police and the Code of Ethics.
- We will continue to facilitate fundamental Human Rights around ‘Peaceful Protest’ by supporting and protecting those engaging in it and taking account of their rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association.
- We will do this whilst balancing the needs and rights of the wider public, local communities (residential, visiting, and business) and the rights of all, including the Energy companies, to go about lawful and peaceful activities.
- We are responding proportionately to any protest activity related to hydraulic fracturing. Although we are focused on this operation, it is still **‘business as usual’** elsewhere for North Yorkshire Police, and people can be reassured that we will be attending to our usual duties and continuing to provide a high quality service across North Yorkshire and the City of York.



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Third Energy have completed phases one and two and are currently in phase three - hydraulic fracture stimulation. As a result of a delay in final approval for hydraulic fracturing at Kirby Misperton, commercial activity at the site will continue into the New Year.

1. Noise Attenuation Barrier - complete
2. Pre-Stimulation Workover - complete
3. Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation – ongoing
4. Production Test
5. Production
6. Site Restoration

Due to the nature of protest activity, on many days in November, the majority of officers attending Kirby Misperton were redeployed to neighbourhood policing duties and responding to incidents elsewhere in North Yorkshire.

At Kirby Misperton, Police Liaison Officers engage with the protest community, and regularly facilitate peaceful protest activity, such as 'slow walks' in front of convoys of vehicles.



Additional costs

The table below shows the additional costs relating to the policing operation at Kirby Misperton. This includes overtime, equipment, subsistence, travel-related costs etc. These costs do not include the cost of those officers that are assigned to policing the site on a day-to-day basis. The additional costs were higher in October, as it was the first full month of the operation. The additional cost of the policing operation in November is 36% lower than the previous month.

Up to 31 August 2017	September 2017	October 2017	November 2017
£80,238	£101,476	£233,704	£147,881

Arrests and disposals

The table below shows arrests and disposals for the month of November 2017.

September 2017	October 2017	November 2017
Charged – 22 Cautioned – 2 No further action – 2 Total: 26	Charged – 29 Cautioned – 2 No further action - 5 Bailed / Released under investigation - 4 Total: 40	Charged – 4 No further action – 1 Bailed / Released under investigation - 3 Total: 8