



Public Accountability Board



Meeting: 27th February 2018

Reporting Period: January 2018

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 so 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. Until Third Energy receive the final approval from the government, there is a reduced police presence at the site due to the decrease in commercial activity and protest activity.

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

We always respond proportionately to any protest activity, so when it is peaceful and safe, we can reduce the number of officers at Kirby Misperton, and redeploy them to policing duties elsewhere in North Yorkshire.

On many days in January 2018, the only officers present at the site were a few Police Liaison Officers, whose role it is to engage with the protest community. They were also redeployed back to their areas when there was no protest activity.



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. January 2018 costs are down 17 per cent compared with December 2017.

Up to 31 August 17	September 17	October 17	November 17	December 17	January 18	Total
£80,238	£101,476	£233,704	£147,881	£58,488	£48,101	£669,888

Arrests and disposals

The table below shows arrests and disposals up to January 2018. Please note, there is currently no requirement nationally to record de-arrests, and therefore we do not locally have a recording method for consistently capturing de-arrest information. As a result, the de-arrest figures for Operation Kingfisher have been retrieved manually, as part of our commitment to transparency.

September 17	October 17	November 17	December 17	January 18	Totals
De-arrests - 2 Arrests -26	De-arrests – 1 Arrests - 40	De-arrests – 0 Arrests - 8	De-arrests – 0 Arrests - 0	De-arrests – 0 Arrests – 7	De-arrests - 3 Arrests - 81
<i>Outcomes:</i> <i>Charged – 22</i> <i>Cautioned – 2</i> <i>No further action – 2</i>	<i>Outcomes:</i> <i>Charged – 29</i> <i>Cautioned – 2</i> <i>No further action - 5</i> <i>Bailed / Released under investigation - 4</i>	<i>Outcomes:</i> <i>Charged – 4</i> <i>No further action – 1</i> <i>Bailed / Released under investigation - 3</i>		<i>Outcomes:</i> <i>Charged – 4</i> <i>No further action – 1</i> <i>Bailed / Released under investigation – 2</i>	