



Public Accountability Board



Meeting: 27th March 2018

Reporting Period: February 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 protest activity related to hydraulic fracturing (fracking), fulfilling our core responsibilities and conducting ourselves in a manner compatible with our values 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 have been working very closely with the community of Kirby Misperton. We understand that protest activity connected to hydraulic fracturing has had an impact on the local community, and we are doing all we can to reduce that impact.



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In February 2018, Third Energy announced that they would release some of their equipment from the Kirby Misperton site while awaiting final Government consent.

As this process continues, North Yorkshire Police will continue to work with people on all sides of the issue, **minimising disruption to the local community** and ensuring ongoing protest activity is **peaceful and safe**.

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.

Although we remain 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 all of our usual duties and continuing to provide a high quality service across North Yorkshire and the City of York.



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. **February 2018 costs are down 36 per cent compared with January 2018.**

| Up to 31 August 17 | September 17 | October 17 | November 17 | December 17 | January 18 | February 18 | Total |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| £80,238 | £101,476 | £233,704 | £147,881 | £58,488 | £48,101 | £30,772 | £700,660 |

Arrests and disposals

The table below shows arrests and disposals up to February 2018.

| September 17 | October 17 | November 17 | December 17 | January 18 | February 18 | Total |
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| Arrests – 26 De-arrests – 2 | Arrests – 41 De-arrests – 1 | Arrests – 8 De-arrests – 0 | Arrests - 0 De-arrests – 0 | Arrests – 7 De-arrests – 0 | Arrests – 3 De-arrests – 0 | Arrests – 85 |
| Outcomes: Charged – 22 Cautioned – 2 No further action (NFA) – 2 | Outcomes: Charged – 32 Cautioned – 2 NFA – 7 | Outcomes: Charged – 4 NFA – 4 | | Outcomes: Charged – 4 NFA – 3 | Outcomes: Cautioned – 1 NFA – 2 | |