



Public Accountability Board

Meeting:

Reporting Period: December 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 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**

On many days in December, the majority of police officers due to attend Kirby Misperton were redeployed to policing duties elsewhere, due to the largely safe and peaceful nature of protest activity.

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 December is down 60% compared with November.

Up to 31 August 2017	September 2017	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
£80,238	£101,476	£233,704	£147,881	£58,488

Arrests and disposals

The table below shows arrests and disposals for the month of December 2017. 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 2017	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
De-arrests - 2	De-arrests - 1	De-arrests - 0	De-arrests – 0
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	Arrests - 0