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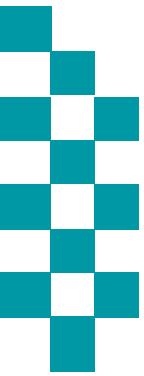


Public Accountability Board



Meeting: 22nd May 2018

Policing update – Kirby Misperton



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Overview of Operation Kingfisher

Our aim has been 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:

- facilitating 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.
- 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.

At this point in the operation, we are keen to take on board any lessons learned by seeking the views of stakeholders, including strategic partners, campaign groups and residents, and officers and staff within North Yorkshire Police.



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.

Up to 31 August 17	September 17	October 17	November 17	December 17
£80,238	£101,476	£233,704	£147,881	£58,488
January 18	February 18	March 2018	April 2018	
£48,101	£30,772	£40,110	£2,619	

The April figure includes one staff member still costed to Operation Kingfisher, and an investment in equipment. All other costs have ceased.



Arrests and disposals

The table below shows the total arrests and disposals related to Operation Kingfisher.

September 17	October 17	November 17	December 17	January 18	February 18	March 18	Total
Arrests – 26 De-arrests – 2	Arrests – 41 De-arrests – 1	Arrests – 8	Arrests - 0	Arrests – 7	Arrests – 3	Arrests – 1	Arrests – 86
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	Outcome: Under investigation – 1	

Court outcomes

Six trials related to protest activity at Kirby Misperton have taken place since March 2018:

- Three people were found guilty of obstructing the highway at Habton Road on 20 September 2017.
- One person was found guilty of obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty on 2 October 2017.
- Two people were found guilty of obstructing the highway at Habton Road on 16 October 2017.

Further trials are due to take place in the coming weeks and months.