

## **REVISITING POLICE RELATIONSHIPS: A PROGRESS REPORT**

In response to the HMIC report, Revisiting Police Relationships: A Progress Report, considering the progress made since their 2011 review of police relationships.

### **South Yorkshire Police Response**

The Chief Constable welcomed the progress made by South Yorkshire Police since 2011 but recognises that more needs to be done. Specifically, additional effort needs to be made to:-

- Embed our integrity programme
- Ensure that our processes to identify, monitor and manage risks are robust, clear and consistent
- Speed up the pace of change
- Improve public reporting

South Yorkshire Police have developed an Integrity Action Plan with the key points being:-

- Implementation of all HMIC recommendations
- Introduction of an external public integrity website to improve public reporting, transparency and understanding, in addition to supporting the SYP position and commitment to standards
- To implement the recommendations of the ACPO commissioned 'Transparency International' report on benchmarking police integrity programmes.

### **South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Response**

I welcome the HMIC report and its findings and agree with the Chief Constable that more still needs to be done.

I acknowledge the work undertaken by South Yorkshire Police particularly in relation to the number of policies that have been updated including those on relationships with the media, acceptance of gifts and hospitality, social media use and police officers having second jobs however more needs to be done to embed this into the day to day working of South Yorkshire Police.

I will ensure appropriate measures are introduced to address those areas for improvement outlined in the latest report.

I am reviewing my corporate governance arrangements including delegations and financial regulation which will further strengthen controls including those around procurement and gifts and hospitality.

I am personally committed to ensuring high standards of openness, transparency and integrity.