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1. The PCC invited the CC to join her at a forthcoming International Women's day luncheon event for north eastern businesswomen. The CC accepted.
2. The CC gave a further update on the Force response to the Home Affairs Select Committee report on the handling of police complaints. The PCC will commence her review of the 53% of complaints appealed successfully to the IPCC last year in the near future

The PCC outlined further her proposal for the independent monitoring of completed police complaints by an independent panel who would dip sample finalised police complaints.

3. The CC updated the PCC on the work she and her senior leaders were undertaking to respond to the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.
4. The PCC updated the CC on the current Governance arrangements and the ongoing drafting of a legal scheme of consents as required in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act.

The issue of how, in future, the CC and PCC should consider the settlement of civil legal claims against the police was discussed in detail and the PCC made suggestions about how this could be undertaken in future, to improve the opportunity for lessons to be learnt from individual cases or from any discernible trends. It was agreed that further consideration of the issues raised would follow.

5. The PCC outlined the progress of her Standing Advisory Groups which represent the various protected communities in the Equality legislation with the addition of a separate victims group. Following the first meetings she felt it would be useful if a member of staff from Northumbria Police attended them, albeit it was possible that sometimes the members may wish to make observations in the absence of anyone from Northumbria police, a right to which they would continue to be entitled. The CC agreed and suggested her Head of Human Resources as her representative.
6. The PCC discussed the purchase of a lease held by Her Majesty's Court Service on the former Alnwick Magistrates Court which is part of Alnwick Police Station. The CC outlined the operational requirement for the continued use of the building and options for its use. It was agreed that two adjacent police houses converted into office space could be sold if the police staff utilising them moved into the former Magistrates Court in the main building.
7. The CC gave an update on the applications received for the post of Deputy Chief Constable.
8. The CC gave an update on recent consultancy work undertaken into senior police staff salaries following a re-organisation of Northumbria Police. The PCC agreed to consider the proposals.