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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

## **Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police**

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 OPCC, Victory House**

**Start time 9am**

**Finish 12noon.**

**Attendees:** Vera Baird QC, Elaine Snaith, Sue Sim, Steve Ashman, Dean Lowery, Jane Simmons, Bernie McCardle, Richard Heron and Mike Mullen.

Bernie McCardle presented a draft Collaboration Strategy which sets out the guiding principles and direction for Northumbria Police in relation to working with partners. Collaborative working can have a number of benefits including cost reduction and an increase in service delivery to members of the public.

The Commissioner requested that a delivery plan be produced and this was to be brought to a future meeting of the group.

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Mike Mullen provided a further update in relation to the future use of police cells at Pilgrim Street Police Station.

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Mike Mullen gave an overview of the work to date on bringing the cleaning contract back in house. All cleaning staff had now transferred employment to Northumbria Police.

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The Commissioner received a report highlighting the contracts that are due for renewal over the next 12 months.

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Mike Tait presented a key decision paper seeking agreement from the Commissioner to invite tenders for the provision of a waste management services.

The key decision was subsequently agreed with the Commissioner receiving a further update after tenders have been submitted.

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The Commissioner received an update on the work of the Mental Health Street Triage Pilot.

The scheme will see officers being accompanied by trained Mental Health Nurses to incidents involving members of the public who may be suffering from mental health issues. This will allow individuals to be identified as vulnerable and in need of specialist medical care who can then be directed to a specialist mental health unit instead of being detained in a police cell.

It is hoped that this pilot will also result in a reduction in time spent by officers in dealing with these cases and the uncertainty of identifying individual's specific conditions and needs.