



**VERA BAIRD**<sub>QC</sub>  
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Force HQ**

**Start time 9am**

**Finish 11.30am.**

**Attendees:** Vera Baird QC, Elaine Snaith, Chief Constable Sue Sim, Steve Ashman, Dean Lowery, Jane Simmons, Bernie McCardle, Richard Heron, John Leslie, Maureen Berne, Mike Tait, Steve Readdie and Mike Mullen.

Richard Herron provided an update in relation to the future use of Pilgrim Street Police Station detention facilities by Her Majesty's Court Service due to the impending closure of the station. The Commissioner requested that she received a further update regarding the matter.

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Mike Mullen provided an update in relation to the current cleaning contract and the transfer of associated cleaning staff to Northumbria Police.

Mike Mullen also provided an updated relating to the redevelopment of the Police Headquarters site in Ponteland following the recent submission of a planning application to Northumberland County Council.

The Commissioner requested that further options be explored in relation to the provision of car parking for staff who are to remain on the Police HQ site.

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Chief Inspector Readdie provided an update in relation to the future inspection of all 43 police forces in England and Wales by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. The inspection will assess how well each police force records crime data including the accuracy of recording crimes, the culture and behaviours surrounding crime recording, police decisions regarding out of court disposals and the accuracy of police recording of crimes which cause significant harm.

The final report is to be published during October 2014 and the Commissioner requested a report to be prepared in relation to the outcome of the inspection.

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Mike Tait gave an update on finance including police innovation funding and police procurement.

Mike Tait stated that quarterly joint finance meetings of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable are to take place in future.

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Maureen Berne gave an overview on the current work of the media team including the forthcoming public meetings being attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable across all Northumbria Police area commands. These meetings will allow members of the public to hear directly about the work of the Commissioner and Chief Constable in relation to policing and crime issues in their local area as well as an opportunity for questions and answers.

The Communications team are preparing a marketing campaign in relation to Domestic Violence which is to run throughout the upcoming World Cup 2014. This campaign will raise awareness at a time when increased alcohol consumption may lead to an increase in reports of Domestic Violence.

The Communications team are also exploring a number of options in relation to the launch of the new Forth Banks police station.