

## Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police

21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 Start time 9:45am Finish 11am

**Attendees:** CC Steve Ashman, Elaine Snaith, DCC Winton Keenan, ACO McCardle, Dean Lowery, Mike Tait and Ian Woodward.

Ian Woodward updated the Chief Constable on recent correspondence received from the Police ICT Company regarding proposed funding arrangements for the Police ICT Company from 2016/17 to 2018/19.

The update included possible areas of work such as Digital Public Contact Programme which many forces are progressing independently at the minute. The Police ICT Company are proposing to take the lead role in the coordination of these efforts and also act as a single point of contact to advise forces of best practice in this area.

It was noted that further areas that the Company will focus on will be identified within the shortly to be released business plan where Commissioners will be asked to support this over the three year period of the plan.

The Commissioner and Chief Constable requested that a further report be presented once the detailed business plan has been received and associated costs declared.

Miek Mullen presented a key decision in relation to an acquisition of a lease in respect of office space at The Hub, New Century House, Washington.

Northumbria Police wishes to establish a base to enable police staff to co-locate with external partner agencies in support of Operation Sanctuary. Funding for such a base has been the subject of a successful Innovation Fund bid.

The Commissioner subsequently agreed to the acquisition of the lease.