
Title

JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

Date

21st September 2017

Location

Victory House, Balliol

Duration

10:00 – 11:05am

Present:

Vera Baird – Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)

Winton Keenen – Deputy Chief Constable

Elaine Snaith – Chief Executive, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

Joscelin Lawson – Director of People and Development

Mike Mullen – Director of Asset Management

Mike Tait – Director of Finance and ICT

David Willett – Detective Superintendent, Northumbria Police

Dean Lowery – Officer of the PCC

Apologies:

Steve Ashman – Chief Constable

Rachel Bacon – Assistant Chief Constable (Citizen Focus)

Darren Best – Assistant Chief Constable (Local Policing and Safeguarding)

Helen McMillan – Assistant Chief Constable (Protective Services)

OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF JOINT BUSINESS MEETING 7th SEPTEMBER 2017

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. DATA PROTECTION REFORM UPDATE

The Director of Asset Management presented a report for information relating to forthcoming data protection reforms in the form of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Police and Criminal Justice Authorities Directive (The Directive) which will require an altered data protection regime to be put in place across the UK by May 2018.

The report highlighted the key impact of the changes in relation to the GDPR and the Directive. It was noted that the Directive had only recently been published and the detail of this is still being assessed.

The Director of Asset Management confirmed that there will be implications however it was difficult at this stage to assess how impactful the changes will be. Although certain elements will have more impact than others it is felt after the initial assessment that we can build on the current arrangements that are currently in place.

The Chief Executive queried how in relation to accountability, data controllers must be able to demonstrate compliance and how will this be done. The Director of Asset Management confirmed that this relates to a fair



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process notice where systems and processes are in place to ensure that data that is held is being looked at and considered, assessed and recorded. It was noted that all aspects of the changes are being looked at by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) who are leading on the changes.

The Chief Executive also highlighted the changes in relation to the data protection officer (DPO). The Director of Asset Management confirmed that the changes state that a DPO will need to be appointed formally who is suitably qualified and reports to a Chief Officer. Currently the force data protection Officer is Hayley Morrison who is head of the Information Management Unit who also has wider duties. It is not known whether the changes being discussed will result in changes to the current structure being amended. It was also noted that clarity was needed on whether the OPCC would need their own DPO or whether this role could be shared with the force.

The Chief Executive also highlighted that the implications in relation to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had not been highlighted within the report.

The Deputy Chief Constable confirmed that further comprehensive evaluation of the changes is needed in respect of the force and the OPCC with a further report to be presented following the outcome of the force working group assessment.

ACTION: That a comprehensive report be presented asap to highlight the implications of these changes to both the force and OPCC.

3. COLLISION DAMAGE UPDATE

The Director of Asset Management presented a report highlighting collision damages between 2014-2017.

It was noted that following the Fleet Strategy Review during 2014-17 it highlighted a significant overspend in the vehicle damage budget with £691k being spent against an anticipated spend of £445k.

The report highlighted measures that have been taken by the force to look to reduce the impact of this form of damages which included an assessment carried out by Zurich insurance in 2016 which highlighted positive work undertaken by the force in relation to their fleet.

The Zurich review highlighted several areas which are still to be explored that may help to reduce the cost of fleet damages which were discussed. The Deputy Chief Constable confirmed that this is an organisational issue which costs needing to be driven down and to make sure that these issues are an active thought in officers minds when undertaking their duties.

The PCC highlighted that she was keen that comparative data be provided in relation to costs incurred by similar forces so that a comparison can be made.

ACTION: That information relating to costs incurred by similar forces in relation to collision damages be obtained and provided to the PCC.

4. FORWARD PLAN

The items stated were agreed for presentation.



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5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss.

6. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

5th October 2017, 10:00, Victory House, Balliol.



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