

NORTHUMBRIA PCC MINUTES

Title

JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

Date

26th July 2018

Location

Victory House, Balliol

Duration

10:00– 12.30am

Present:

Vera Baird – Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)
Winton Keenen – Chief Constable
Ruth Durham – Interim Chief of Staff, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
Darren Best – Deputy Chief Constable
Helen McMillan – Assistant Chief Constable (Protective Services)
Mike Tait – Director of Finance and IT and Joint Chief Finance Officer
Scott Duffy – Interim Director of Governance and Communications
Stephen Crute – Senior Solicitor, Northumbria Police
Dean Lowery – Officer of the PCC

Apologies:

Ged Noble – Temporary Assistant Chief Constable (Local Policing)
Joscelin Lawson – Director of People and Development
Rachel Bacon – Assistant Chief Constable (Citizen Focus)

OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF JOINT BUSINESS MEETING 12th JULY 2018

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. GROUP REVENUE MONITORING POSITION – AS AT 30th JUNE 2018

The Commissioner was presented with the Group Revenue Monitoring position and asked to note the Group forecast outturn of £265.461m based on payments processed to date and current projections, against a 2018/19 budget of £266.245m and reflecting an in-year projected underspend of £0.784m

The overall projected year-end budget position is currently in-line with the 2018/19 budget and delivers an in-year projected underspend of 0.29% which equates to £0.784m.

It was confirmed that the key decision was not included with the papers and would be presented at the conclusion of the meeting for the Commissioners signature.

The Commissioner agreed the group revenue monitoring position as presented.

AGREED: The Group Revenue Monitoring Position was agreed as presented.



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3. CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT QUARTER 1 2018/19 – AS AT 30th JUNE 2018

The Commissioner was presented with the Capital Monitoring Report Q1 2018/19 as at 30th June 2018 which was projecting an underspend of £1.948m which excludes funded schemes.

The Commissioner was also provided with the Capital Spend Programme with the Joint Chief Finance Officer providing further context to the figures provided.

The Commissioner agreed the Capital Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 as presented.

AGREED: That the Capital Monitoring Report Q1 was agreed as presented.

4. BODY WORN VIDEO

Following the 28th June 2018 Joint Business Meeting the Commissioner requested further information regarding the force protocol on the use of Body Worn Video (BWV) Cameras by officers.

In response to this request the Commissioner was presented with the required information.

The Commissioner queried the use of the use of BWV to capture first accounts of witnesses and whether it is a good rule to exclude anyone under section 16 of the youth criminal justice evidence act. ACC McMillan confirmed that a response would be included within the 6 month monitoring report in relation to BWV due to be presented to the Scrutiny Committee following the introduction of the additional BWV cameras.

The Commissioner therefore agreed the key decision presented at 28th June 2018 JBM meeting with the removal of point iii of the recommendation.

AGREED:

- ***That the key decision of 28th June 2018 regarding the expanded use of BWV, approval for the tendering processes for BWV cameras and ICT data storage was approved.***
- ***That an update report inclusive of information relating to their use in recording first accounts and exclusions to this be presented to Scrutiny meeting 6 months after the deployment of the BWV cameras as discussed above.***

5. HMICFRS NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION INSPECTION

The Deputy Chief Constable presented a report and action plan following an inspection undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

HMICFRS visited Northumbria Police between 8th and 19th January 2018 in order to undertake an inspection of the organisation's child protection arrangements. The inspection, part of a national programme of thematic inspections of all forces in England and Wales, sought to examine all aspects of the response of the organisation, including leadership, governance, partnerships, initial contact, investigations, decision making, management of those who pose a risk to children and the detention of children and young persons. An initial briefing note was presented in May 2018 in response to the publication of this Inspection report.



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HMICFRS found a clear commitment to protecting children and recognised examples of good work across the organisation and good engagement with partner agencies across the six local authorities. Inspectors also identified areas for improvement to ensure the service provided to children in need of help and protection is of a consistently high quality. Seven recommendations have been made.

The Deputy Chief Constable discussed the seven recommendations and provided further detail into the response undertaken by the force to these as referenced in the action plan presented.

The Commissioner highlighted the recommendation in relation to delays regarding obtaining the service of intermediaries with the Commissioner confirming she had previously written to the Home Secretary regarding improving of the availability of intermediaries. The Deputy Chief Constable confirmed that he would look further into this matter and include a response to this issue and possible regional solutions within the report that will be presented to the Scrutiny meeting in November 2018.

AGREED:

- *The report was noted.*
- *That further information regarding intermediaries be included in the November 2018 Scrutiny report.*

6. FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan was agreed as presented.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss.

8. Date and Time for Next Meeting

6th September 2018, 10am, Victory House, Balliol Business Park



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