

**NORTHUMBRIA POLICE
MINUTES**

Title
JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

Date	Location	Duration
28 April 2016	Via lync	09:45 – 10:20

Present:

Mr Steve Ashman - Chief Constable
 Ms Vera Baird - Police and Crime Commissioner
 Mrs Jo Farrell – Assistant Chief Constable
 Mr Richard Heron – T/Director of Legal Services
 Mr Mike Tait – Director of Finance
 Mrs Anne McDonagh – Executive Support

Apologies for absence:

Mr Winton Keenen – Deputy Chief Constable
 Mr Darren Best - Assistant Chief Constable
 Mr Mike Mullen – Head of Strategic Asset Management
 Mr Ian Woodward – Director of ICT

OPEN SESSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**1 National Rural Crime Network**

A report was submitted to update the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the funding request sent to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for £1512 for the continuing membership of the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN).

The Commissioner raised the point of the increase in funds from £1000 to £1512. The letter from National Rural Crime Network made reference to PCC board members agreeing to contribute an additional £1700 each to fund research on the cost of policing in rural areas and an invite to tender interest. The Commissioner queried if this was PCC's on their board.

ACC Farrell agreed to make further enquiries into the request for the additional £1700

ACTION: Dean Lowery, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to correspond with NRCN confirming the membership cost of £1512.

ACTION: ACC Farrell to make further enquires around the additional £1700.

The Commissioner highlighted one of the aims of the NRCN is 'Fairer funding for rural policing' and asked that those representing the force be conscious that funding is not cut to urban policing to favour rural policing.

The Commissioner agreed to the funding of £1512 on the basis that the additional amount of £1700 was not required.

2 North East Ambulance Service Standard Operating Procedure

A report was provided to update members of a new Joint Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) between the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS), and Cleveland, Durham and Northumbria Police. The report sets out key implications, outcomes and planned evaluation.

ACC Farrell gave a further briefing around the on-going work.

3 NPoCC s/22 Collaboration Agreement – Proposed Revisions

A report was provided to seek agreement to the proposed revisions to the s.22 collaboration agreement for the National Police Co-ordination Centre.

The Commissioner made reference to a Governance Board and asked who was on the Board and if there was a PCC representative.

The Chief Constable suggested professional leads, local policing leads, public order lead. Enquires will be made to ascertain the members of the Governance Board.

ACTION: T/Director of Legal Services to determine the members of the Governance Board.

T/Director of Legal Services has completed the schedule of proposed changes and will forward the key decision to the Commissioner and following the amendments the final document will be sent to the Commissioner for signature.

ACTION: T/Director of Legal Services to forward key decision to the Commissioner.

4 A.O.B

National Ugly Mugs (NUM) Scheme

The Commissioner provided a letter from National Ugly Mugs requesting a contribution for the financial year 2016/17. Northumbria Police provided a briefing paper summarising the working relationship with NUM.

Director of Finance confirmed that NUM are asking for an annual contribution of between £3000 and £5000. £5000 was contributed last year from the Police Property Act Fund.

The Chief Constable confirmed that Northumbria Police are probably the leading force and work closely with the NUM.

The Commission was satisfied, following the briefing and agreed to the funding.