

NORTHUMBRIA PCC MINUTES

Title

JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

Date

29thth March 2018

Location

Victory House, Balliol

Duration

11am – 12.30am

Present:

Vera Baird – Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)
Ruth Durham – Interim Chief of Staff, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
Darren Best – Temporary Deputy Chief Constable
Ged Noble – Temporary Assistant Chief Constable (Local Policing)
Rachel Bacon – Assistant Chief Constable (Citizen Focus)
Helen McMillan – Assistant Chief Constable (Protective Services)
Joscelin Lawson – Director of People and Development
Mike Tait – Director of Finance and IT
Scott Duffy – Interim Director of Governance and Communications
Dean Lowery – Officer of the PCC

Apologies:

Winton Keenen – Temporary Chief Constable

OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF JOINT BUSINESS MEETING 8th March 2018

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. UPDATE FROM FEBRUARY JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE AND PROGRESS AGAINST THE INTERNAL AUDIT WORK PLAN

The Director of Finance and ICT presented an update report relating the meeting of the Joint Independent Audit Committee in February 2018.

There were no areas of concern to raise.

AGREED: The report was noted

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF APPRENTICESHIP FRAMEWORK – PROGRESS UPDATE

The Director of People and Development presented an update report in relation to the implementation of the apprenticeship framework.

The report highlighted progress and achievements to date including Northumbria Police being awarded “main training provider status”. It was noted that as training is being developed the force is not just maximising the levy but bringing funds into the force.



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The Commissioner queried whether the Main training provider status means that the force are entitled to train everything that is funded through the apprenticeship levy. The Director of People and Development confirmed that the force can deliver on the standards and other forces can also utilise their levy to obtain training from Northumbria.

The Director of Governance and Communications queried that if the force will now be required to undertake Ofsted inspections, is there work being undertaken to understand the Ofsted process before an inspection takes place with the OPCC offering the force links with colleges and Head Teachers across the force area to assist the force in preparing for an inspection. The Director of People and Development commented that the standards are still to be set nationally and the force have previously been subject to accreditation however would find the input of schools who have been subject to these inspections to assist in the understanding.

The Commissioner discussed the potential of expanding training to organisations and other forces and that she was keen to see this happen. The Director of People and Development confirmed the ambition to increase and develop the training in the future and would bring a further report back.

ACTION: The report was noted

4. JOINT EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

ACC Bacon presented the Joint Equality Objectives with the Commissioner confirming that she was satisfied with the objectives.

ACTION: Report noted

5. OUT OF COURT DISPOSALS PROGRESS REPORT

ACC Bacon presented an update report in relation to Out of Court Disposals.

The Commissioner highlighted that take up was not as high as expected with ACC Bacon confirming that this was due to data quality including people that had previous convictions for “failing to appear” and were therefore never going to be eligible and if there was a correct cohort then the figures would be on track.

In relation to the drugs pathway ACC Bacon confirmed that interventions have been put in place, resulting in moving up from 55% to 60% of people engaging.

ACC Bacon also highlighted that the force will be discussing at COT of the need for a national funding arrangement as currently this is unsustainable and cannot expand unless the national funding is put in place.

ACTION: Report noted

6. HMICFRS REPORT: “AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OF PLANES, DRONES AND HELICOPTERS” – A REVIEW OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR NORTHUMBRIA

ACC McMillan provided a report following a paper produced by HMICFRS in respect of an independent study of planes, drones and helicopters. In addition the report provided an update on a review of the services provided by the National Police Air Service (NPAS).



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A discussion took place regarding the contribution costs for Northumbria in relation to NPAS with the costs recently increasing which ACC McMillan confirmed that this was due to reduced deployments nationally and therefore the share of costs increasing.

ACC McMillan highlighted that NPAS is undertaken a national analysis of the service and prior to this being completed work is ongoing regionally with Durham Constabulary and NERSOU for the potential use of drones.

The Commissioner discussed Northumbria Police having used the Fire Service drone with ACC McMillan confirming this however it was felt that its use could be increased. When the force considers its demand following the national analysis consideration will be given to the potential benefits of purchasing the forces own drone.

It was noted that once the National Analysis has been undertaken this will be utilised to explore further options in relation to the use of drones and NPAS costs and usage.

ACTION: Report is noted.

7. FORWARD PLAN

It was agreed that the Positive Action Update will be moved to the 19th April 2018 JBM meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

5th April 2018 10:00am



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