

## NORTHUMBRIA PCC MINUTES

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### **Title**

JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

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### **Date**

22 August 2019

### **Location**

PCCs Office, Victory House

### **Duration**

10:00 – 11.20

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### **Present:**

Kim McGuinness	Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria (Chair)
Winton Keenen	Chief Constable
Ruth Durham	Chief of Staff
Rachel Bacon	Assistant Chief Constable
Scott Duffy	Director of Governance and Communications, OPCC
Debbie Ford	Deputy Chief Constable (DCC)
Joscelin Lawson	Director of People and Development, NP
Dean Lowery	Officer of the PCC
Tanya Reade	Corporate Governance Manager, NP
Mike Tait	Director of Finance and IT and Joint Chief Finance Officer

### **Apologies:**

Rachel Snaith	Director of Commissioning, Engagement and Policy
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## **OPEN SESSION**

### **1. MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF JOINT BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2019**

Agreed.

### **2. POLICIE NOW – CONTINUATION OF THE SCHEME WITHIN NORTHUMBRIA POLICE THROUGH A MULTI YEAR CONTRACT**

Director of People and Development presented a key decision and report which sought approval for the continuation of the Police Now scheme in Northumbria Police through a multiyear contract for the period 2020 – 2022.

The Police Now scheme is part of several recruitment strands currently utilised by Northumbria Police to ensure that recruitment of officers can be sufficiently undertaken.

The Commissioner discussed the recent announcement by Central Government relating to increasing the number of officers in forces across the country, she queried whether Northumbria were well placed to undertake recruitment when uplift numbers and funding is confirmed. The Chief Constable confirmed that through both Police Now and other recruitment strands that the force are well placed to undertake an uplift in officers when the announcement is made.

It was confirmed that an evaluation is currently being undertaken in relation to the Police Now scheme with the outcome of this evaluation expected in December 2019 following a further intake of candidates.

Action: Approved

### **3. UPDATE FROM THE JULY JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE AND PROGRESS AGAINST THE INTERNAL AUDIT WORK PLAN**

Director of Finance and IT and Joint Chief Finance Officer presented an update report following the July 2019 meeting of the Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC).

It was confirmed that the JIAC were satisfied with all findings reported by Internal Audit and there were no items highlighted for attention.

Update *noted*.

### **4. THE POOR RELATION: THE POLICE AND CPS RESPONSE TO CRIMES AGAINST OLDER PEOPLE**

ACC Bacon presented an overview report which highlighted the force position on the recent HMICFRS and HMCPSI nationally joint inspection report.

The report highlighted 13 recommendations and 10 areas for improvement for forces which were directed towards the NPCC, College of Policing and CPS with an overview of these provided within the report.

ACC Bacon discussed in detail the recommendations and areas for improvement that requires attention by Northumbria Police with the report setting out the work that is being or will be undertaken.

It was noted that Northumbria Police, OPCC and criminal justice partners have invested significant effort into developing services for victims and witnesses which has resulted in the force being advanced in a number of the areas set out.

ACC Bacon confirmed that an update on progress made in relation to the recommendations will be presented to the scrutiny meeting in February 2020.

**UPDATE Noted**

### **5. FORWARD PLAN**

**Action:**

*i) That the Front Line Review item be removed and to be considered within future discussions regarding the Violence Reduction Unit.*

*ii) That the External Audit letters item be removed.*

*iii) That there may be a potential addition of a Section 22a agreement relating to TEI.*

### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **7. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

19<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 10:00, Victory House, Balliol.

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## **8. MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF THE JOINT BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2019**

Agreed.

## **9. HOME OFFICE TRANSFORMING FORENSICS PROGRAMME**

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable provided a force position report on the national Transforming Forensics programme including information relating to recent correspondence relating to underwriting the initial costs of the programme in 2020/2021 pending the Spending Review outcome.

DCC Ford provided the force position which is that Northumbria Police are supportive of any national work to improve forensic delivery and collaborative opportunities to increase efficiency and reduce costs. The force wish to continue to review this position as and when a more informed picture of savings and evidence of benefits can be put forward which at present cannot be shown.

It was confirmed that a section 22a agreement is currently being prepared by Dorset Constabulary (Lead Force) which is expected to be received in September 2019.

The Commissioner requested that clarity be sought on the position of Durham Constabulary and regional forces regarding signing up to the programme in advance of further decision papers being presented.

**ACTION:** That confirmation be sought from regional forces on their intentions to agree to be part of the programme.

## **10. QLIK SENSE – BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE - TENDER OUTCOME**

The Director of Finance and ICT presented a key decision paper and report relating to the tender outcomes for the provision of Qlik Sense.

The key decision was agreed as per the recommendation in the report accepting the most economically advantageous offer.

**ACTION:** Agreed

## **11. INVITATION TO TENDER ESTATE CONTRACTS**

The Director of Finance and ICT presented a key decision paper and report relating to the invitation to tenders for Estate contracts at a number of police premises.

The key decision was agreed to invite tenders with the outcomes of tenders received to be reported once received for approval.

**ACTION:** Agreed

## **12. SOUTHWICK POLICE STATION TENDER OUTCOME**

The Director of Finance and ICT presented a key decision paper and report relating to the tender outcomes for the refurbishment works needed at Southwick Police Station.

The key decision was agreed as per the recommendation in the report of accepting the most economically advantageous offer.

**ACTION:** Agreed

## **13. FORWARD PLAN**

**ACTION:** That NERSOU updates prior to the NERSOU Board meetings be removed from future JBM agendas. These briefings are to be provided in outside of the formal meeting structure.