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**Title**

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) – Business Meeting

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**Date**

Wednesday 16 December 2020

**Location**

Victory House/Microsoft Teams

**Duration**

9.20am – 9.40am

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**Present:**

Kim McGuinness – Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff

Adrian Pearson – Director of Planning and Delivery

Mike Tait – Joint Chief Finance Officer

John Leslie – Estates Manager

Vicki Wilson – OPCC Minute Taker

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**OPEN SESSION**

**1. Introductions**

The PCC welcomed all members to the meeting.

**2. Open Session Minutes from 16 October 2020**

The minutes were **agreed** as a true and accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising. It was **agreed** going forward that an Action Log would replace Matters Arising.

**4. Mid-Year Treasury Management Report**

The Joint Chief Finance Officer presented the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report. It was noted that the report had previously been presented at the Joint Independent Audit Committee on 16 November 2020, and they fully supported and agreed the report for onward presentation at this meeting. It was advised that all Treasury Management activity continued to be conducted within the Treasury Management Strategy and there had been no breaches of any limits.

The PCC was recommended to note the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for the six months to 30 September 2020/21. The PCC noted the report as circulated.

**5. Special Police Services - Charges**

The Joint Chief Finance Officer presented the Special Police Services report, and advised the purpose was to recommend the increase in rates from 1 January 2021. This remained within the timeline for rate increases in Northumbria. The reason for the change was due to relevant pay

awards and the pay award agreed in 2020 was 2.5%. It was therefore proposed that Special Duty Charges be increased by the same rate.

Following a query, the Joint Chief Finance Officer explained that the NPCC produced guidelines and each Force tailored the method in which they increased their charges using varying factors.

Northumbria set their rates from 1 January each year to prevent discrepancies across the year ahead.

The current economy with regards to Football and Nightlife had been impacted however due to the pandemic there had been no special duty required across the whole of the football season due to the lack of fans. It was felt that if crowds eventually were allowed back in the ground, these games may be un-policed due to the low amount admitted entry.

It was advised however that these charges could be reviewed at any time given the changing landscape of the economy due to Covid-19.

The PCC **agreed** to postpone the key decision regarding the increase of charges until 1 April 2021 when it would be further reviewed.

## 6. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.