

Title

JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

Date

14 April 2016

Location

Office of the PCC

Duration

09:45 – 10.20

Present:

Mrs Vera Baird - Police and Crime Commissioner

Ms Elaine Snaith – Chief Executive of the PCC

Mr Winton Keenan – Deputy Chief Constable

Mr Darren Best - Assistant Chief Constable

Ms Joscelin Lawson – Head of Human Resources, Northumbria Police

Mr Mike Mullen – Head of Strategic Asset Management

Mr Mike Tait – Director of Finance

Apologies for absence:

Steve Ashman – Chief Constable

Mr Richard Heron – T/Director of Legal Services

OPEN SESSION**1 Serious and Organised Crime – Role of PCCs'**

Correspondence was received from the Home Office relating to the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy launched by the Government in 2013. Further correspondence was received from the Home Secretary which set out the role that PCCs' and Chief Constables have in ensuring that serious and organized crime is combatted with specific reference to local crime profiles.

The Commissioner was provided with an update by ACC Best which included the current local profile for the force and work that is ongoing such as increasing the number of partners involved in this area and the production of an action plan.

The Commissioner requested that work continue on the current action plan and asked for an update to be provided in July 2016.

ACTION – Written update to be presented to the Commissioner and Chief Constable at the July 2016 JBM by ACC Best.

2. Occupational Health Unit Tender

The purpose of the report is to seek approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner to invite tenders for a new Occupational Health Services contract commencing 1 April 2017.

The Occupational Health Service provides an integrated approach to managing the health and wellbeing of staff and officers, providing support in the workplace whilst advising on any role related risks.

Services are provided through a contracted arrangement. The existing contract for Occupational Health Services with Optima Health expires on 31 March 2017.

The value of the contract is above the contract delegations to the Chief Constable and therefore formal approval to invite tenders and award the contract is required from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Following the advice received the Commissioner subsequently agreed the key decision.

3. **Any Other Business**

The Commissioner received an oral report from the Joint Chief Finance Officer in relation to recent correspondence from the Police ICT Company and the Novation of funding agreements for IBM i2 software and associated services.

Following advice from the Joint Chief Finance Officer the Commissioner decided not to sign the agreement.

The external auditors Mazars presented the memorandums to the Joint Independent Audit Committee on 22 February 2016. The Committee reviewed and accepted them.