

Joint Business Meeting
22nd January 2015, 9am, Victory House.

In attendance, Vera Baird QC, Sue Sim, Elaine Snaith, Scott Duffy, Richard Heron, Mike Tait, Mike Mullen, Maureen Berne, Bernie McCardle, Winton Keenan, Jo Farrell, Ian Woodward,

1 – Custody Action Plan.

Jo Farrell gave an update on progress and discussed key points around the Custody Action Plan, following an HMIC inspection in 2014.

Forth Banks Custody Suite is now up and running. NP are looking to extend voluntary attender facilities at other stations.

Staff continue to be trained and refresher sessions offered to ensure all are up to date with relevant policies.

Computerized system will be fully integrated by April 2015.

Medical Provision in place by April 1st 2015.

Bedlington – the PCC asked for an update on Bedlington. PCC requested that work continues to consult with partners. Elaine Snaith asked that custody visitors views are considered.

The Commissioner asked Northumbria Police to address the issue of offering private calls to detainees as a matter of urgency and suggested ways in which this could be achieved.

Representative from NP to attend Newcastle ICV Panel meeting with the Commissioner on 26th January 2015.

Chief Constable mentioned a letter that the Home Secretary had sent the force regarding Custody inspection. PCC asked for a copy of the letter and has responded to the points raised by the Home Secretary.

2 – EMM solutions.

Update was given from Ian Woodward re EMM solutions.

IW gave progress of procurement of suitable EMM solutions.

IW requested permission to go back to the market to find a solution, PCC reinforced that NP must meet the deadline.

Key decision was signed on the proviso that the scheme is delivered.

3 – Mike Mullen gave an overview of the following properties –

- Discussion to take place with Sunderland Council to ensure community hubs are up and running in the city where sites have been deemed surplus to requirement.
- Agreed to the renewal of the lease on West Whelpinton, Cornhills Quarry.
- Disposal of property in Broom Lane, Wickham.
- Acquisition of new neighbourhood police team base within Sanderson Arcade and disposal of Morpeth Police Station.

4- Web Services Support

Ian Woodward gave overview of support package for OPCC website development. Contract awarded to Urban River.

5 – Maureen Berne gave an overview of media campaign.

The PCC requested that all MPs in the force area be contacted and informed about issues affecting the communities that they serve and how NP are addressing them.

6 – Comprehensive Spending Review

Mike Tait gave an overview of the changes to the finance system. PCC commended all staff who had been involved in this work.

7 – Legal

Richard Heron gave an overview of a number of issues that affected the force. PCC asked Richard Heron to address urgently issues around victims services. RH would have details to PCC by 30th January 2015.

8 – Jane Kennedy

Winton Keenan to draft a response to Jane Kennedy, PCC for Merseyside.

9 – PSHE – VB update colleagues about a conference she had attended with Headteachers re CSE. It was agreed that NP would host a conference for all headteachers in the force area to ensure they were up to date with current legislation and to know how to spot signs of such crimes.

10 – CC raised the issue about police being used to take people to hospital as ambulances hadn't attended. PCC to write to Chief Executive and Chair of Ambulance Trust to reiterate the importance of ensuring this problem is addressed.