

Title

OFFICE OF THE PCC BUSINESS MEETING

Date

30th March 2017

Location

Office of the PCC

Duration

10.00 – 11.30am

Present:

Vera Baird – PCC

Elaine Snaith – Chief Executive, OPCC

Mike Mullen – Head of Estates

Mike Tait – Head of Finance

Rachel Snaith – Director of Commissioning and Communities

Dean Lowery – Officer of the PCC

OPEN AGENDA

1. Minutes of Last Meeting 16th March 2017

Freeman House Lease

The key decision relating to the re-gear of the lease of Freeman House has now been agreed by Elaine Snaith. This agreed key decision followed confirmation that the building will be used for Operation Sanctuary.

2. Commissioner's Community Fund and Grants

The Director of Commissioning and Communities presented a report requesting the Commissioner's approval for the 2017/18 PCC grants programme.

Funding is provided on an annual basis by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to support work with direct victims of crime and their families. PCCs receive this allocation based on a population formula which in Northumbria means a grant of £1,685,018 for the 2017-18 year. In addition to the MoJ funding the savings the PCC has realised in office costs has meant that grant funding up to the value of £850,000 is available to support projects that deliver against the wider Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 and in some cases where need is greatest, supplement the funding provided by the MoJ.

Police and Crime Commissioners can make grants as outlined in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2012. The Supporting Victims Fund 2017-18 provides a framework for key voluntary and public sector agencies to apply for grant funding. Following comprehensive mapping in 2015 and further ongoing assessment of need, key funding priorities were identified as:

The proposed grant spend for the 2017-18 year was presented.

A sum of £180,399 is unallocated at this time from the PCC discretionary fund to allow the Police and Crime Commissioner to respond to emerging issues in the

victim services landscape and provide opportunities to further accelerate delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2017-21.

As the Commissioner was not in attendance, prior agreement was sought in relation to the paper presented which was subsequently agreed.

ACTION: That the Commissioner agrees the grant awards for 2017-18 and that further grants throughout the year be considered in due course.

3. Licence to Occupy Office Space at 31-35 Station Road, Hebburn for Coroners Offices

The Head of Estates presented a key decision regarding the granting of a licence for the Coroner to occupy office space for a further 5 years at the above premises.

The Chief Executive approved the granting of a license as set out within the key decision.

ACTION: Agreed

4. Awarding of Contract for Additional Storage Network Equipment

The Head of Finance presented a key decision relating to the granting of a contract to the lowest priced tender from the company SCC for the provision of additional storage network equipment.

As the Commissioner was not in attendance the Chief Executive recommended that that acceptance be given to the recommended supplier with the Commissioner to sign the key decision in due course.

ACTION: Agreed