

Title

JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

Date

8th December 2016

Location

Victory House, Balliol

Duration

10:00am – 2pm

Present:

Mrs Vera Baird QC – Police and Crime Commissioner, Chair

Ms Elaine Snaith – OPCC Chief Executive

Mr Winton Keenen – Deputy Chief Constable

Mr Darren Best – Assistant Chief Constable

Mrs Vanessa Jardine – Assistant Chief Constable

Ms Joscelin Lawson – Director of Human Resources

Mr Mike Tait – Director of Finance

Mr Dean Lowery – Officer of the PCC

Invitees:

Chief Supt Hutchinson

Detective Chief Superintendent Lisa Orchard

Detective Superintendent Alan Veitch

Apologies:

Mr Steve Ashman – Chief Constable

Mr Mike Mullen – Director of Asset Management

OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. Late Night Levy

Chief Supt Hutchison presented a report regarding the use of the Late Night Levy spend for the 2016/17 financial year.

In November 2013 Newcastle City Council became the first local authority in the country to introduce the Late Night levy as permitted by Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 as a means of raising a contribution towards the cost of policing the late night economy.

The monies received from the levy must be split between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Council with the PCC being entitled to at least 70% of the proceeds.

The Commissioner was briefed on the benefits and impact of initiatives that were funded in the 2015/16 financial year which included Taxi Marshalls, Street Pastors,

CCTV, additional police officers, Club Scan and a contribution towards the Safe Haven staffing.

It was confirmed that the estimated Levy collection for 2016/17 would be £180,000 with proposals for the spend of this money set out within the report.

The Commissioner and Chief Executive requested clarification in relation to the figures presented for 2016/17 including the decrease in spend on Taxi Marshalls in 2016/17 in comparison to the previous year. Chief Supt Hutchison confirmed that the increased cost in 2015/16 related to the late introduction of the Taxi Marshalls which resulted in police officers being utilised until marshals were trained and appointed which resulted in a higher cost.

The Commissioner also requested that clarification is sought in relation to the funding of Safe Haven as the amounts differ from 2015/16 and 2016/17.

As discussed above, all payments specified in the 2016/17 spend proposals within the report were agreed with the exception of the Safe Haven staffing with further clarification needed on the amount stated.

3. Special Duty Charges

The Director of Finance presented a key decision paper relating to the Special Police Services are charged in accordance with national police charging methodology.

The key decision recommends that Special Police Services are increased by 2.2% with effect from 1st January 2017, with the charges set out below.

Schedule of Charges		
DRAFT Effective from 1 January 2017		
Rank	Normal £	Bank Holiday £
Superintendent	99.03	99.03
Chief Inspector	77.84	77.84
Inspector	72.25	72.25
Sergeant	75.93	118.02
Constable	63.38	96.40
Police Staff	22.26	33.23

The Commissioner subsequently agreed and signed the key decision as recommended.

4. Appropriate Adults Agreement

Following the presentation of the draft Appropriate Adults Agreement at the 24th November 2016 JBM a number of amendments were requested by the Commissioner.

The new agreement was presented with further minor additions requested including the inclusion of a definition of an appropriate adult and the inclusion of the following wording within Point 10.4 “and will fulfil the responsibilities as set out in Schedule 2 of the Agreement”.

Following inclusion of the above amendments the Commissioner approved the agreement.

5. Innovation Fund Update

The Deputy Chief Constable presented a report which updated the Commissioner on the current Police Innovation Fund Projects which included:

- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Scheme
- Domestic Abuse Identifying, Safeguarding and Tackling Serial Victims
- Improving the Criminal Justice Experience for Children and Vulnerable Adults: External Remote Evidence Delivery
- SafetyWorks- Integrating Prevention Services for Safer Communities
- Project Sanctuary

The Commissioner requested clarification in relation to the Improving the Criminal Justice Experience for Children and Vulnerable Adults: External Remote Evidence Delivery project. The Deputy Chief Constable stated that there have been a number of issues in relation to the remote evidence provision due to IT and signal problems which are also being experienced by all forces in the country. He stated that the Crown Courts were unwilling to allow the live link to be used due to these issues and the potential for the signal to be lost during the court case.

The Deputy Chief Constable updated the Commissioner on operational remote evidence sites and those that are in the process of becoming operational. The Commissioner felt that due to the issues discussed it may be appropriate to look into adding a further fixed site if possible, rather than a mobile option. The Deputy Chief Constable confirmed he was satisfied with progress being made with the project and he would discuss the matter further with the project lead and report back on developments.

6. Transformation Fund Update

Deputy Chief Constable Keenan provided an update in relation to the NETIC Transformation Fund project.

It was confirmed that the team is now in place with an Inspector currently on secondment. Northumbria Police have been asked to contribute further to the project. This is being considered however further contribution would have to also benefit Northumbria Police.

Further discussions relating to the project will take place at the forthcoming Chief Constables meeting 21st December 2016.

ACTION: Update noted

7. Body Worn Video (BWV) Quarterly Update

Assistant Chief Constable Jardine provided an update in relation to the use of Body worn Video by some Northumbria Police Officers.

The report highlighted the increased use of BWV by officers which showed that for the period June – August 2016 showed four hours of footage recorded per camera, however between June and October 2016 this had doubled to 8 hours per camera.

ACC Jardine commented that when trying to determine how many successful guilty pleas in court were the result of BWV being utilise, this was difficult to ascertain. Cases where body worn video evidence were used is recorded however, cases where BWV was integral to the case resulting in a guilty verdict is not recorded. The Commissioner suggested that it may be useful to compare how many cases that where a guilty plea was made without the use of BWV in comparison to those where BWV was utilised. This was to be included in future update reports.

The Chief Executive of the PCC requested that further quarterly reporting of the use of BWV continues with a further update to be provided in February 2017 relating to the number of cameras purchased and currently operational.

ACTION: That further update in relation to the current number of BWV in force be provided in February 2017.

8. AOB

The Chair stated she would like an update on the Innovation fund at the next meeting, especially the Remote Evidence Device project.

ACTION: Update on the Innovation Fund to be on the agenda for the next meeting, especially Remote Evidence Device.