



VERA BAIRD^{QC}

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Joint Business Meeting with NP / OPCC

1st May 2014 - 9am.

Balliol Business Park

Attendees: Vera Baird QC, Sue Sim, Elaine Snaith, Richard Heron, Mike Mullen, Mike Tait, Maureen Berne, Jo Farrell, Bernie McCardle, Steve Ashman, Scott Duffy.

The Commissioner welcomed colleagues to the Joint Business Meeting.

2- Restorative Justice: Jo Farrell gave a presentation on Restorative Justice. The Commissioner asked how cases would be selected, ACC Farrell gave an overview of the rationale behind how this would be done.

A "Victims Pathway" was discussed by Jo Farrell which the Commissioner reviewed.

The Commissioner suggested that a separate meeting be set up to discuss the scheme in full and how it links to other organisations. This was agreed.

3 - Mike Mullen

Mike gave an overview of the transfer contract from Gateshead Council to Northumbria Police.

There are still a number of outstanding issues which Mike is pursuing. However, everything is in place for the staff transfer and they have been informed and kept updated working towards a 1st June 2014 transfer.

Mike will continue discussions with Jeff Dean, who is representing the Chief Executive of Gateshead Council, Jane Robinson.

4 - Mike Mullen

Mike led a discussion on Middle Engine Lane and the A19 Highways Agency consultation.

Northumbria Police have been contacted regarding a proposed underpath on the A19 and changes to land in the area. Mike Mullen is to discuss the impacts with the Highway Agency.

5 - Mike Tait

SSA Transition, Mike gave an overview of key issues regarding the transfer of banking accounts transferring over from Gateshead Council to Northumbria Police.

Discussions continue regarding Treasury management and Mike will report back at a future meeting.

6 - Elaine Snaith.

Completion of handover of Forth Banks is still on schedule, discussions now in place about transferring equipment to Forth Banks.

ICT contracts continue to be reviewed and negotiated to ensure ICT equipment meets the needs of staff and policing requirements.

7 - Elaine Snaith

No update on Pilgrim Street, any update will be given to the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

8 - Mike Tait

Mike gave an overview of how Northumbria Police dispose of property which comes into the possession of the police in connection with a crime and where the owner cannot be found, can be sold, with the money being kept in the force's Police Property Act Fund.

The Commissioner agreed that the proceeds of the funding be split, with 50% going to the Police Charities Board to distribute to worthy causes as deemed by police officers in individual area commands. The remaining funding will be discussed at a later date.

9 - Maureen Berne

Maureen gave an overview of issues in the press, including reporting of crime data. It was reinforced that Northumbria Police was not one of the forces reviewed at this stage.

The Chief Constable informed the Commissioner that Northumbria Police keep on top of crime data and undertake regular audits.

No items were raised under any other business.

Dean Lowery to inform Maureen Berne of members contacts of our disabled advisory group who will next meet the Commissioner on the 28th May 2014.