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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police

10th December 2015

Start time 9:45am

Finish 12.20pm

Attendees: CC Steve Ashman, Elaine Snaith, DCC Winton Keenan, ACO McCardle, Supt Mick Barton, Dean Lowery, Richard Heron, Mike Tait, Ian Woodward and Mike Mullen.

Supt Mick Barton delivered a presentation on the use of Body Worn Video (BWV) by Northumbria Police. A previous report submitted in July 2015 made several recommendations in respect of improving operational delivery and capability and an update was provided on the interim progress made.

To support the delivery of BWV an action management plan has been put in place with a working group chaired by an Assistant Chief Constable monitoring the progress of the rollout.

There have been several areas of progress including:

- The development of force policies and procedures in the use of BWV.
- 92% of the target audience have been trained using an internal training package.
- Meetings have taken place with the national lead for BWV to make sure that the force's direction is consistent with the College of Policing.
- Software updates have been arranged and these are to take place during December 2015.

Supt Barton discussed some issues that have been encountered in relation to the transfer of BWV footage via digital network which is due to ongoing national work with the Criminal Prosecution Service that is being led by Hampshire Police and the development of an interface to allow digital streaming of evidential products across a secure external system. Due to the potential for further delays in this work, Northumbria Police are making progress to provide a solution in the interim.

The Force ICT department have also developed a proposal for the digital movement of not only BWV footage but also CCTV and digital images which is expected to be in place by January 2016.

The working group are also considering the type of equipment available in terms of cameras and hardware which vary considerably in cost and functionality. A review of nine different cameras is currently being undertaken where a further report will be presented in relation the best model if further models are to be purchased.

DCC Keenan provided a briefing in relation to a police innovation fund bid that has been submitted by the National Volunteer Police Cadets (NVPC).

NVPC is a registered charity and is led by Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer (Devon & Cornwall) and delivered by Programme Director Ed Sherry (Chief Inspector - Met, retired) and a small project team. It's role is to develop and share best practice among police cadet schemes, provide training and support services, acquire and distribute funding, promote the effectiveness of youth volunteering and promote police cadets both nationally and internationally.

The NVPC has requested that PCC Vera Baird QC & Northumbria Police consider supporting their application for funding from The Police Innovation Fund 2016/17. The bid is for £2 million over 2 years, £1.2 million for force level growth start up grants and support to forces over 2 years and the remaining £800,000 is for the development of a digital platform to support NVPC.

The intention is to create a digital platform that will accurately and efficiently record membership; provide a secure communication platform as well as online access to training manual and cadet handbooks. It will allow forces to generate statistical data as well as co-ordinate safe deployments.

The Commissioner and Chief Constable support the bid in principle however further discussions are to be held with other forces involved in the bid.

Deputy Chief Constable Keenan informed the Commissioner that as requested at a previous Joint Business meeting, further work had been undertaken to finalise the Police Innovation Fund bids.

Hard copies of these bids were to be supplied to the OPCC for comment.

Mike Tait and Ian Woodward presented the Commissioner with a key decision in relation to the provision of a replacement Local Area Network (LAN) and telephony services.

Tenders have now been received and a recommendation was made for the Commissioner to award a contract to British Telecommunications, offering the most economically advantageous tender for the provision of a Local Area

Network (LAN), subject to standstill, due diligence of the technical solutions and agreement of contracts.

The Commissioner agreed to the recommendations as stated above.

Richard Herron gave an update on the draft agreement in relation to the N8 Research partnership which is detailed in the minute below.

Amendments to the draft agreement were requested and a response to the requested amendments is still to be received.

Further updates are to be provided in due course.

Deputy Chief Constable Keenan updated the Commissioner and Chief Constable on work undertaken in relation to the N8 Research Partnership. The partnership is a collaboration of the eight most research intensive universities in the North of England Region and has established the N8 Policing Research Partnership to enable research that will help address the problems of policing in the 21st century.

An update was given on the current work strands and further updates are to be provided as the projects develop.

Mike Mullen presented a key decision in relation to the sale of Block 70, Police Headquarters, Ponteland.

The building has previously been declared surplus to requirements and has been marketed for sale. No land will be disposed of in this transaction.

Several offers have now been received on the property and the Commissioner was recommended to approve the sale of the land for the highest offer.

Mike Tait presented the Commissioner with a key decision in relation to the Special Duty Charges for Police Officers during 2016.

Special Police Services are levied in accordance with national policing charging methodology. These fees are reviewable on an annual basis effective from 1 January.

The Commissioner agreed that the Special Police Services are increased by 3.2% with effect from 1 January 2016. A Schedule of charges is attached.

The Commissioner received a key decision in relation to the tenders received for the appointment of medical practitioners to conduct a programme of Injury Award Reviews.

The Commissioner accepted the recommendation that the tenders be accepted from IOH and Partners Occupational Medical for the Provision of SMP's to conduct injury award reviews.
