



**VERA BAIRD**<sub>QC</sub>  
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

## **Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 OPCC, Victory House**

**Start time 9am**

**Finish 11am**

**Attendees:** Vera Baird QC, Sue Sim, Elaine Snaith, Steve Ashman, Bernie McCardle, Dean Lowery, Richard Heron, Mike Tait and Mike Mullen.

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The Commissioner received a key decision in relation to the receipt of tenders for the CCTV Maintenance Contract.

The report recommended the acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender from Scotshield Fire and Security Systems Ltd.

The Commissioner agreed the recommendation listed above.

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The Commissioner received a key decision in relation to the disposal of former Police House, 3 The Crescent, Wallsend.

The report recommended disposal as the property is surplus to requirements.

The Commissioner agreed to the disposal of the property.

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Mike Mullen presented a key decision paper which recommended the disposal of former Pilgrim Street and Market Street Police Stations as they are surplus to requirements.

The Commissioner subsequently agreed the key decision.

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The Commissioner received a key decision paper in relation to the granting of a sub lease of part of Berwick Magistrates Court.

Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) occupy part of Berwick Police Station under a long lease granted under the terms of the Courts Act 2003. From 1st April 2015 the Court will only sit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays and Fridays when the Court is not sitting there will be no HMCTS staff present.

Probation have expressed an interest in occupying the administration office on Mondays and Fridays. HM Coroner has also expressed an interest in

sharing some of the accommodation both for office space as well as the continued use of the Courtrooms for hearings

The Commissioner agreed to the grant of a sub-lease in respect of part of Berwick Magistrate's Court to the Probation Service and to the Coroners Service.