

OPCC Business Meeting
8th May 2014.
Balliol Business Park.
9am.

Attendees: Elaine Snaith, Scott Duffy, Mike Tait, Mike Mullen, Richard Heron, Maureen Berne and Dean Lowery

The Chief Executive welcomed colleagues to the Office of Police & Crime Commissioner Business Meeting.

Item 2 – Freedom of Information Requests

The group discussed the current process when FOI requests are received by the OPCC.

Further discussions are to take place to streamline this process to ensure that the information can be obtained and forwarded to the requester within the agreed timescales.

Item 3 - Finance

Mike Tait informed the group that he was continuing to hold meetings with Gateshead Council, Director of Finance in relation to the contents and charging costs included in the Support Services Agreement.

The meeting was informed that quarterly joint finance meetings of the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner are to take place in future. The dates of these meetings are to be provided by Northumbria Police Finance Department and added to the Commissioners diary.

Item 4 – Police Headquarters Planning Application

Mike Mullen informed the group that the planning application for Ponteland Police Headquarters site was submitted on Friday 2nd May 2014 and it is hoped to be presented to the Northumberland Council planning Committee during August 2014.

Mike is currently working on a briefing paper regarding the possible options for the disposal which is to be presented to the OPCC Business Meeting when complete.

Item 5 - Cleaning Contract.

Mike Mullen gave an overview of the work to date on bringing the cleaning contract back in house.

Item 6 – Estates Plan

Mike Mullen informed the group that a migration plan relating to the movement of officers and teams from their current locations to the new Forth Banks Police Station is currently being prepared and will be presented once complete.

Item 7 – Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service – Joint Transformation

Mike Mullen informed the group that Northumberland Fire and Rescue Services have enquired whether Northumbria Police would be interested in exploring co-location of services throughout the Northumbria force area. Further discussions were are to be held with Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service.

Item 8 – Media Update

Maureen Berne gave an overview on the current work of the media team including the forthcoming public meetings being attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable across all Northumbria police area commands. These meetings will allow members of the public to hear directly about the work of the Commissioner and Chief Constable in relation to policing and crime issues in their local area as well as an opportunity for questions and answers.