

**Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police 20th March 2014 Force HQ**

**Start time 9am**

**Finish 11.00am.**

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**Attendees:** Vera Baird QC, Chief Constable Sue Sim, Jane Simmons, Ruth Scott, Steve Ashman, Jo Farrell, Bernie McCardle, Richard Heron, John Leslie, Maureen Berne, Mike Tait, Mike Mullen.

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Jo Farrell presented a report outlining the discussions with Newcastle Council about the development of proposals to spend the Late Night Levy funding to address crime and disorder and public safety in Newcastle City Centre. The Commissioner sought reassurance that the funding would be used to make positive improvements in relation to the experience that local people have around the night time economy and that there is transparency and accountability in the use of the funding.

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The Commissioner raised the matter of Northumbria Police becoming a Living Wage employer. Bernie McCardle and his team will look into this and report back within the next two weeks. Unison have provided a presentation on this topic (See below).



Living Wage  
Employer Presentati

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Jo Farrell presented a report informing the meeting about the new Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Training Programme (JESIP). The programme has been developed by the College of Policing and is intended for joint training between police, fire and ambulance services. It will ensure that blue light services are trained and exercised to work together as affectively as possible at all levels of command in response to major or complex incidents.

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Jane Simmons provided an update on implementation of the Restorative Justice Programme and confirmed that this is on target with training for staff booked and that there is a meeting planned with the six Community Safety Partnerships to inform then about the programme.

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Mike Mullen gave an update on the work around the cleaning contract.

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Mike Mullen gave an update on progress around property leases and the completion of the protocol for future lease negotiations and renewals.

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Mike Mullen update the group on the disposal of Gillbridge Police Station in Sunderland.

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There was no other business raised at the meeting.