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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 OPCC, Police Headquarters**

**Start time 9am**

**Finish 12.35**

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

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ACC Farell updated the Commissioner in relation to the rationalization of CCTV cameras throughout the force area.

The Commissioner requested that further information be provided in relation to decommissioning and continued maintenance costs.

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ACC Farell updated the Commissioner on the statutory guidance that has been received in relation to the reform of anti-social behaviour powers.

Originally 19 powers were available to police officers to deal with anti-social behaviour (ASB) however these have now been replaced by six new powers to enable the police and local authorities to deal effectively with ASB.

Northumbria Police have established a working group to manage the implementation of the new powers with an action plan being produced and presented to the Commissioner.

The Act also contains two new measures which are designed to give victims and communities a say in the way ASB is dealt with including the Community Trigger which gives victims the ability to demand action including a review of their case when a locally defined threshold is met.

Community Remedy has also been introduced which allows victims to have a say in the out of court punishment of offenders for low level crime and ASB. Victims will be able to choose from a list of actions which have been set by the Commissioner following community engagement.

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John Leslie updated the Commissioner on progress regarding the sale of the Northumbria Police HQ site in Ponteland.

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John Leslie presented the Commissioner with three key decisions relation to:

- The Co-location of Police Neighbourhood staff within Haltwhistle Community Fire Station
- Creation of a neighbourhood base at Manor Walks Shopping Centre, Cramlington
- Creation of a neighbourhood base at The Cheviot Centre, Wooler

The Commissioner agreed the above key decisions.

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The Commissioner received an update in relation to the force recruitment campaign for police officers.

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