

OPCC Business Meeting
24th April 2014.
Balliol Business Park.
9am.

Attendees: *Vera Baird QC, Elaine Snaith, Scott Duffy, Ian Wolstenholme, Mike Tait, Mike Mullen, Bernie McCardle, Ian Woodward, John Leslie, Richard Heron, Maureen Berne.*

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

Item 2 - Update on Police Innovation Fund Application.

Bernie McCardle and Ian Woodward presented a number of options to be considered for submission to the Police Innovation Fund.

A discussion took place around the options to be submitted to the Home Office.

The Chief Executive suggested a ranking order of bids, Bernie suggested that all bids should be submitted with a ranking order so the Home Office are aware of Northumbria Police's priorities for these bids.

The Commissioner will review all applications and read over in detail before signing off bids.

Bernie will sort out electronic copies for the papers to be sent from the OPCC by April 30th.

Item 3 - Joint Independent Audit Committee Conference.

Scott Duffy presented a report following a request from the Chair of the JIAC, requesting funding to attend a national conference in London.

The event is being held in Warwick in July and it is estimated that that cost of the Chair attending will be around £180.00

Bernie McCardle agreed to speak to the Chief Constable about the request.

Item 4 - Update re transfer of services from Gateshead Council.

Elaine Snaith, Chief Executive of the OPCC, gave a verbal report on how the transfer of services is progressing from Gateshead Council.

Mike Tait continues to liaise with the Finance Department and Mike Mullen is working with staff at the council re the cleaning contract.

Item 5 - Cleaning Contract.

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

Item 6 - Procurement of a selling agent in respect of property disposals.

John Leslie presented a report to seek approval to take forward the disposal of properties which are to be closed as part of the BCU restructures.

It was recommended that Sanderson Weatherall are appointed as selling agent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Government Procurement Service RM 928 framework. Sanderson Weatherall was the most economically advantageous bid received.

The Commissioner agreed to appoint Sanderson Weatherall.

Item 7 - Media Update.

Maureen Berne gave an overview of the work her department have been working on and campaigns which are currently live.

Maureen to send information about rural crime events to be held on the 14th and 19th May in Alnwick and Hexham.

Maureen to present departmental agreement re sourcing facts and figures policy to next OPCC meeting.

Item 8 - Any other business

Scott Duffy presented the invoice for membership of the association of Police & Crime Commissioner. The membership fee is £19,750.00

The Commissioner agreed to this payment.

The North East Fraud Forum requested £7,200 - it was agreed to find out more about their work before making payment. Mike to pursue.