



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

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

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Start time 9:45am**

**Finish 11.50am**

**Attendees:** CC Steve Ashman, Elaine Snaith, DCC Winton Keenan, ACC Ford, ACO McCardle, Dean Lowery, Joscelin Lawson, Richard Heron, Mike Tait, Ian Woodward and Mike Mullen.

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ACC Debbie Ford presented a key decision paper in relation to a Section 22a agreement with the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

All Home Office Police Forces have been requested to enter into a formal collaboration agreement with the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC). The CNC is an armed police service responsible for the protection of civil nuclear material at sites across the UK. Their officers have the full powers of a Constable at licensed sites and 5 kilometres beyond the boundary and anywhere whilst escorting nuclear material.

The purpose of the Section 22A collaboration Agreement is to provide a lawful basis for the CNC to assist Home Office Police Forces when authorised to do so, as a simple alternative to the Energy Act 2004.

The Commissioner and Chief Constable gave their approval for the collaboration and the agreement was to be signed by the Commissioner in due course.

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DCC Keenan provided a verbal update in relation to the work the force are undertaking to prepare bids for Police Innovation Funding. Four bids are to be put forward and a meeting is to be arranged with representatives of the OPCC in attendance to finalise these bids.

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Ian Woodward presented a briefing note in relation to correspondence received from the Police ICT Company.

The Police ICT Company have examined expressions of Interests (EOIs) submitted to the Home Office as part of the current PIF bidding process, and

have identified a number of activity areas where they believe that there is significant potential for bids to be enhanced or combined.

Five 'activity areas' have been identified where multiple forces have submitted similar EOIs and the Company is suggesting that bids would be strengthened by working in collaboration:

- Data centre infrastructure and storage of digital assets and evidence
- Technology enabled information sharing to support triage or multi-agency safeguarding
- Collaborative, cloud-based enterprise resource planning
- Closer integration of blue light partner agencies
- Big data and predictive analytics

Additionally there are three areas the Company believes are of national importance and is therefore taking the lead:

- Transfer Home Office contracts to the ICT Company and transform to remove inefficiencies
- Rationalise procurement of ICT and develop a strategic approach
- Information systems in relation to offender management

Both the Commissioner and Chief Constable following advice feel that all proposals contained are suitable however a business case would need to be received before a decision is made. The Chief Constable requested that a reply be drafted and that a further update be given in due course.

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