

MINUTES

Title			Meeting Number
JOINT BUSINESS MEETING			03/2016
Date	Location	Duration	
4 February 2016	Conference Room A, Block 69	09:45 – 11:45	

Present:

Mr Steve Ashman - Chief Constable
 Ms Vera Baird - Police and Crime Commissioner
 Mr Darren Best - Assistant Chief Constable
 Mr Bernie McCardle - Assistant Chief Officer
 Mr Mike Mullen – Head of Strategic Asset Management
 Mr Mike Tait – Director of Finance
 Mr Ian Woodward – Director of ICT

Invitees:

Mr Michael Barton – Detective Superintendent Prosecution and Victims Services
 Mr John Heckels – Chief Inspector Motor Patrols

Apologies for absence:

Mr Richard Heron – T/Director of Legal Services

OPEN SESSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**1 NRSI/NDORS**

Assistant Chief Constable Best provided those present with a detailed update on the Forces current position in relation to the NRSI/NDORS, the current partnership and the options for the future.

Following discussions it was agreed that the Force are working towards option two (detailed summary given in the paper).

Both the Commissioner and the Chief Constable were happy for Assistant Chief Officer Best to make contact with Gateshead Council to confirm that as of the 1st April the Force will no longer be part of the current partnership arrangements.

ACTION: ACC Best to contact Anneliese Hutchinson to advice that the force will be leaving the partnership as of the 1st April 2016.

Both the Commissioner and the Chief Constable were in agreement for the Force to take the lead in relation to setting up a new partnership with or without all the Councils and the Fire and Ambulance Services collectively.

The Commissioner asked that both Assistant Chief Constable Best and Chief Inspector Heckels attend the next Police and Crime Panel Meeting to provide a brief in relation to NDORS and Operation Dragoon.

ACTION: Chief Inspector John Heckels and ACC Best to attend the next Police and Crime Panel Meeting (8th March) to provide a briefing in relation to Operation Dragoon and NDORS.

Secretary Note: Chief Inspector Heckels left the meeting at 10:30 am.

2 NERSOU

Assistant Chief Constable Best summarised the previously circulated paper, highlighting the key areas of note:

- Future funding – this maybe received directly from the Home Office and not via West Yorkshire.
- Moving from a seven Force Agreement to a six Force Agreement and working independently.
- Change Team are looking at the Job Specification and Evaluation for the Project Officer, assigned to NERSOU. He suggested that the Force own this post. The Commissioner happy to support the Change Team looking at this.

Secretary Note: Assistant Chief Constable Best left the meeting at 10:55.

3 POLICE ICT COMPANY BUSINESS PLAN

Director of ICT summarised the previously circulated paper and it was agreed to provide written feedback alongside the checklist feedback, as the business plan has been drawn up on the assumption of the funds or grants being received.

Both the Commissioner and the Chief have asked that feedback is provided on behalf of the force via both the checklist provided and written accompanying feedback.

ACTION: Director of ICT to ensure that the feedback is provided to Police ICT Company in a timely manner in accordance with the instructions from the Commissioner and Chief.

4 BODY WORN VIDEO EVALUATION

Detective Superintendent, Prosecution and Victims Services summarised the previously circulated paper, highlighting the key areas of note.

Following a discussion in relation to the way forward, in the interim it was agreed that, if funding allowed, additional "Edesix" cameras would be purchased (200 more).

ACTION : Director of Finance to discuss the possibilities with colleagues in Finance and report back to Commissioner and Chief.

5 MILNE V GAD PENSION PAYMENTS CONCLUSION

Director of Finance summarised the previously circulated paper highlighting the points of note.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

• TASCO (CUSTODY HEALTHCARE TENDER)

Director of Finance confirmed that as from the 1st February, TASCO will be known as Care and Custody (Health) Limited as they have been taken over by Mitie Group.

7 SALE OF CORBRIDGE POLICE STATION

The property has previously been declared surplus to requirements and has been marketed for sale by a commercial agent.

Several offers have now been received on the property and it was recommended that the Commissioner accept the highest offer received.

The Commissioner subsequently agreed to the sale.