

Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police 6th March 2014 Balliol Business Park.
Start time 9am
Finish 10.55am.

Attendees: Vera Baird QC, Elaine Snaith, Scott Duffy, Steve Ashman, Richard Heron, Maureen Berne, Mike Tait, Mike Mullen, Bernie McCardle.

The Commissioner welcomed colleagues to the meeting.

Bernie McCardle spoke about the Police Innovation Fund and the process that the Home Office have put in place to apply for money. A meeting will take place at the Home Office early April which the force will send a representative (Ian Woodward).

Elaine Snaith informed the meeting that Stage 2 confirmation was sent to the Home Office. The Chief Executive informed the meeting that the document is a summary of the Comprehensive Report which was sent to the Home Office in September 2013.

The Commissioner raised the issue of funding Crimestoppers. A discussion followed about the services provided to Northumbria Police. The Commissioner agreed to pay the first quarter bill that has been received from the organisation.

Mike Tait presented a report on the Future of Financial Services 14/15, the Treasurer focused on the handovers in place to leave Gateshead Council and build the services within Northumbria Police Finance Department.

The Treasurer went through what areas needed to be focused on and timescales for the work.

The Commissioner congratulated Mike and his team for the work they have been doing.

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that there are a few more meetings to discuss the final part of the SSA with Gateshead Council.

Scott Duffy gave an update to the issues surrounding the Safehaven. Work is progressing well. The building Insurance will be in place soon and the contract signed - once this is done, the builders can go on site.

The force solicitor, Richard Heron is to see the legal agreement before it is signed.

The ICV report was presented to the meeting about the issues that ICVs report after their visits to custody suites.

The Commissioner agreed to a monthly report being presented to the joint business meeting and the action that Northumbria Police have taken to rectify any issues raised.

Mike Mullen presented a number of reports which were -

Revised Protocol for the Future Management of Leases.

Draft R & M OJEU report

Discussions about kennels.

Each report was fully discussed. A full strategy will soon be in place for all future management of leases, all issues will be passed to the Commissioner for her consideration. Mike Mullen will do a presentation at a future meeting.

The Commissioner agreed to design work to be undertaken to ensure the kennels are still fit for purpose. The force know what the requirements are and there is provision to move the scheme forward.

Mike discussed the technical points of the department to ensure maximum impact from the market. The Commissioner stated that she hoped local suppliers would bid for elements of the contract.

The Commissioner have approval to go to the market.

Maureen Berne gave a report on media and press issues within the force area and specific items that relate to the OPCC.
