

Thursday 6th February 2014.
Balliol Business Park
Joint Business Meeting - 9am.

Attendees: Vera Baird QC, Elaine Snaith, Richard Heron, Scott Duffy, Mike Mullen, Mike Tait, Maureen Berne, Jane Simmons, John Leslie, Bernie McCardle, Steve Ashman, Sue Sim.

The Commissioner welcomed guests to the meeting.

Item One: Restorative Justice.

Jane Simmons gave an update re explorative work in this area which will involve staff and training needs.

The Commissioner raised a number of questions and wanted assurances that the right training was put into place to deliver the programme.

The Commissioner agreed to the proposals to pursue training for police staff and police officers.

Item Two: Bellingham Youth Club.

Mike Mullen gave an update on the the relocation of the youth club in Bellingham to allow the disposal of the current site.

The Local Community Partnership are very supportive of the transfer of two youth groups.

The Commissioner agreed to support the club as they work towards relocating.

The Commissioner thanked Mike Mullen and his team for the work undertaken to bring about a successful outcome.

The Commissioner suggested an opening ceremony of the new premises.

Item Three: Cleaning Services

Mike Mullen gave an update on the Cleaning Contract.

Further detailed information was given to the Commissioner (verbal report). Northumbria Police and the OPCC will continue to liaise to ensure the Commissioner is kept fully updated and all options will continue to be reviewed.

Item Four: Southwick Custody

A report was presented by Mike Mullen to seek approval to a preferred design and layout for the new Custody Desk and surrounding area in order to meet the Force's operational requirements.

Designs and timescales were considered.

The Commissioner agreed to the proposed design as set out in Appendix 1 be agreed in order to provide the maximum capacity possible to handle the anticipated volume of business in the safest way practicable.

Approval was given to issue tenders for the work with an expected completion date of August 2014.

Item Five: Disposal of Ponteland Headquarters Site.

John Leslie gave an update following the meeting with Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Group on 30th January 2014 and to suggest options for further public consultation prior to submission of the planning application.

The Commissioner agreed to consider a leaflet drop to surrounding residents to keep them updated about the scheme.

Item Six: Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring

The Chief Finance Officer, Mike Tait, presented two reports on revenue and capital. The Commissioner agreed to sign the key decision document for upload on the OPCC website.

Item Seven: Healthcare in Custody

Elaine Snaith gave an overview of the work so far in this area, work is progressing and a further update will be give in two weeks time (20th February 2014)

The Commissioner will look through the comprehensive papers in advance of signing the decision off.

Item Eight: Stage 2 Transfer

Elaine Snaith gave a brief update on Stage Two transfer. Work continues to progress in this area, as in line with the details sent to the Home Secretary, Theresa May last year.

Mike Tait will send a briefing note in relation to PAYE and VAT - this will be sent to the Commissioner in the next week.

Item Nine: Annual Equality Report.

The Commissioner has seen the report, agreed it and it will be updated on the website.

The meeting closed at 11.05am.