

## **Joint Business Meeting: OPCC and Northumbria Police.**

<b>Date</b>	9th January 2014
<b>Start time</b>	9am
<b>Finish</b>	12.15pm.
<b>Location</b>	Victory House, Balliol Business Park.

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In attendance: Vera Baird, Mark Dennett, Elaine Snaith, Scott Duffy, Richard Heron, Mike Mullen, Mike Tait, John Leslie, Bernie McCardle, Sue Sim, Steve Ashman, Jane Simmons, Paul Goddon

The Commissioner welcomed colleagues to Balliol for the first joint meeting of 2014.

### 1 - Mike Tait presented a report on Home Office ICT.

In December the Home Office set out charges for 14/15, at that time the Commissioner asked for further information to be provided. The report gave a break down to what each of the programmes are and how Northumbria Police use the ICT equipment.

The Commissioner requested that the Home Office be contacted to encourage all forces utilise PND as Northumbria does. The Deputy Chief Constable requested that the governance / costs of PND be looked into. Steve Ashman to undertake.

### 2 - Elaine Snaith and John Leslie gave an update on the disposal of Forth HQ and work on the new Forth Banks station.

Ponteland disposal work plan has been ongoing, working towards publication of the proposals and consultation with local residents and interested parties.

Forth Banks work is ongoing but under budget. There are some issues re the work inside the building that need addressed.

### 3 - Mike Mullen spoke about property leases.

A full review was presented on which other organisations currently use premises in Northumbria Police buildings. Any formal decisions must be presented to the Commissioner for agreement should any issues arise in relation to police properties.

The force will come back to a future joint meeting with a report regarding police houses.

A procedure will be established regarding lease renewals and will be presented to a future meeting.

### 4 - Mike Mullen spoke about the proposed disposal of Bellingham.

The Bellingham site is now surplus to requirement and it was agreed to look at the disposal of the site - only on the condition that the youth club that is housed in one of the buildings is re-housed. The youth club is keen to relocate to another site for financial reasons.

A site has been identified which meets the needs of the organisers of the youth club. Mike Mullen will continue to liaise with the club to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

- 5 - Mike Mullen discussed the current cleaning contract. The Commissioner wanted to be assured that the contract offered value for money.

Questions were raised about work, contract monitoring etc. Elaine Snaith would discuss new proposals for policing with Gateshead as this will affect cleaning requirements.

Mike will continue to liaise with the current contractor to get answers to outstanding questions and will liaise with the Chief Executive of the OPCC.

This item will remain a standing item on the agenda.

- 6 - Strategic Assessment

This has been adjourned until Monday with Steve Ashman.

- 7 - Bernie McCardle presented a report on voluntary redundancy and discretionary compensation. The purpose of the report is to seek approval to utilise the discretionary compensation provision available to the PCC / CC in cases of voluntary redundancies of police staff.

The Commissioner agreed to the recommendations in the report.

- 8 - Elaine Snaith gave a report on the current arrangements with Gateshead through the SSA. Further discussions will take place with officers from Gateshead w/c 13th January 2014.

- 9 - Scott Duffy gave an overview of the triage. Three staff from Northumbria Police have been seconded to be based at the OPCC as Customer Complaints advisors. There is a commitment and drive to speed up how complaints are handled and focus will continue to be on the customer.