

NORTHUMBRIA PCC MINUTES

Title

Business Meeting

Date

15 September 2020

Location

Virtual

Duration

3.30pm-3.50pm

Present:

Kim McGuinness – Police and Crime Commissioner

Winton Keenen – Chief Constable

Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff of the OPCC

Debbie Ford – Deputy Chief Constable (DCC)

Adrian Pearson – Director of Planning and Delivery

Tanya Reade – Corporate Governance Manager, NP

Vicki Wilson – Minute Taker

Apologies:

Mike Tait, Joint Chief Finance Officer

OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes of the Open Session of the Business Meeting held on 27 August 2020

The minutes were **agreed** as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Violence Reduction Unit

The PCC offered a verbal update as follows:

The second draft of the Year One Evaluation was currently ongoing.

The tender process for the Year Two Evaluation had now closed. Four bids were received and were currently being scored via the standard procurement process.

The work involved in Year Three was currently being reviewed with the aim of being even more effective.

The communication links between the VRU and the Force had hugely improved which had a positive impact. There was a VRU Strategic Board meeting scheduled for 30 September which would allow the Force to actively participate.

4. Op Talla (Covid 19) Recovery Planning

There was no update from the OPCC since the last meeting.

The DCC offered a verbal update as follows:

Response and Recovery work was ongoing alongside Paul Hanson, Chief Executive, North Tyneside and Pat Ritchie, Chief Executive, Newcastle.

Work with T/ ACC Neil Hutchinson was being carried out with regards to the policing of future protests.

All staff were being re-briefed on the 4 E's.

Due to the region being on the Government watchlist with regards to Covid 19 figures, it was possible there could be a local lockdown. Relevant planning was in place to deal with this; however, it was noted that Force resilience could be stretched. The Chief of Staff felt this could impact the priorities of the LCJB Recovery Group.

The PCC felt it was important the OPCC and the Force worked consistently throughout any potential local lockdown and would communicate in this event with regards to practical working measures.

5. National Issues Impacting Policing

This had also been covered in Item 4 however in addition, the DCC advised that planning was also in place for a no deal Brexit.

6. Update from Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) on 24 August 2020

The report was accepted as circulated.

7. Forward Plan (Open Session)

The Forward Plan was noted. The Joint Strategic Risk Register in October would be amended to reflect both the DCC and the Chief of Staff.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 29 October 2020 – 10am – Middle Engine Lane/Skype