

Northumbria PCC Business Meeting Minutes

Title: Business Meeting

Date: 30 March 2023

Duration: 3pm-3.10pm

Location: MS Teams

Present:

Kim McGuinness – Police and Crime Commissioner

Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff of the OPCC

Adrian Pearson – Director of Planning and Delivery (OPCC)

Kevin Laing - Joint Chief Finance Officer (CFO)

John Leslie – Head of Estates (NP)

Vicki Wilson – Minute Taker (OPCC)

OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes of the open session of Business Meeting held on 7 March 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

2. Treasury Management Strategy 23/24-26/27, Capital Strategy 23/24-26/27 and Reserves Strategy 31 Mar 2023

The CFO explained that all three documents related to the Mid Term Financial Strategy which had previously been approved.

The Treasury Strategy and Capital Strategy were both four year plans.

The Treasury Strategy had already been presented to the Joint Independent Audit Committee in February and they were satisfied with the PCC approving the document.

Across the four years within the Capital Strategy, the planned spends stood at approximately 88.9 million pounds.

The Reserve Strategy was only a one year plan and set out the PCC's policy of keeping the general reserve above 2%. The report outlined what the reserves would be used for as this was public information. It was expected that all of the reserves would be spent accordingly.

The PCC approved all three documents and their accompanied Key Decisions.

3. Special Police Services – Charges for Uniformed Police Officers

The CFO advised that there had been an approximate 6.3% increase to Special Police Service Rates effective from 1 April 2023. The report outlined the new schedule of hourly charges per rank within the Force.

The PCC queried whether there was consistency with other Forces to ensure no disparities with the charges. The CFO explained that Blue Light Commercial had now placed all Forces within one of four categories. This would now ensure nationwide

consistency and reassurance that other Forces within the region should also be using the exact same costs.

The PCC approved the Key Decision.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.