



## NORTHUMBRIA PCC MINUTES

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**Title**

Business Meeting

**Date**

5 September 2024

**Location**

Teams/MEL

**Duration**

2pm-2.25pm

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**Present:**

Susan Dungworth – Police and Crime Commissioner  
Clare Penny Evans – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner  
Vanessa Jardine – Chief Constable (CC)  
Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff of the OPCC  
Kevin Laing – Joint Chief Finance Officer  
Tanya Reade – Corporate Governance Manager (NP)  
Steve Wykes – Head of Criminal Justice and Custody (NP)  
Debra Alderson – ACC Force Coordination (NP)  
Paul Godden – Head of Corporate Development (NP)  
Wil Kemp – Staff Officer for the DPCC (NP)  
Vicki Wilson – Minute Taker (OPCC)

**Apologies:**

Jayne Meir – Deputy Chief Constable (DCC)  
Steven Hume – Director of the VRU (OPCC)

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### **OPEN SESSION**

**1. Minutes of the open session of Business Meeting held on 8 August 2024**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that had not been included in the agenda.

**3. National Issues Impacting on Policing**

The CC gave an update of the recent disorder/riots that had taken place across the country, including the North East region. Confirmation from central government had not yet been received regarding the funding. The figure currently stood at £1.8m however there remained more overtime to be added to this.

The CC had received correspondence from HMI Andy Cooke who had been instructed by the Home Secretary to carry out a rapid review of the policing of the recent public disorder. This would be carried out in two tranches, and Northumbria Police would be



involved in the second tranche and would likely look at issues covering the police intelligence approach to online information/disinformation.

The prison capacity spaces were fluctuating. Various operations had been adjusted to alleviate the pressure on specific teams. Forces across the country had been using effective communication to share relevant information.

The PCC felt that communications from central government had not been proactive and it was hoped that now parliament were back in place, more effective communications would be shared regarding aspects of policing, and funding streams etc.

The first phase of the Police and Crime Plan consultation had now closed. Roundtables events were continuing to take place to gather views and input. The top issues noted from the communities were ASB, Burglary/Theft, and Motorbikes.

#### **4. Violence Reduction Unit Update (VRU)**

The report had been circulated in advance.

The CC requested an update regarding the evaluation tool/ process in the next report if this was possible.

#### **5. Forward Plan – Open Session**

The Forward Plan had been noted.

It was felt that a separate meeting regarding the Police and Crime Plan Refresh, may be more beneficial at this stage. This may be removed from the October agenda.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **7. Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 15 October – 2pm – Middle Engine Lane/Teams.