

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE MINUTES

Title	Meeting Number
EXECUTIVE BOARD	2/2024

Date	Location	Duration
20 February 2024	Executive Team Meeting Room, Middle Engine Lane	09:15 – 10:30

Present:

Jayne Meir	Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) (<i>Chair</i>)
Deborah Alderson	T/ Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) (Force Coordination)
Andy Hill	Assistant Chief Constable (Communities)
Kevin Laing	Head of Finance (CFO)
Sara Purvis	Governance and Planning Adviser (<i>Secretary</i>)

Invitees:

Steve Wykes	Chief Superintendent, Criminal Justice and Custody (<i>Present for item 6</i>)
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Apologies:

Vanessa Jardine	Chief Constable
Joscelin Lawson	Assistant Chief Officer (ACO) Corporate Services
Alastair Simpson	Assistant Chief Constable (Crime and Safeguarding)
Scott Young	Assistant Chief Constable (Force Coordination)

OPEN SESSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

1. OPENING

2. MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD 17 JANUARY 2024

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Action list updated.

4. PERFORMANCE UPDATE

DCC provided an update on performance. Discussion focussed upon static response times and ensuring messaging around performance is filtered to and managed within the appropriate forums e.g. Pacesetter meetings. DCC noted further consideration would need to be given to the structure of Pacesetter meetings post implementation of the new Force Operating Model to ensure focus is upon the correct areas, including critical performance challenges. ACC (Communities) suggested consideration is also given to ensuring Pacesetter meetings are chaired by the respective Gold Commander, excepting extenuating circumstances such as leave.

Update **noted**.

5. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN – 2023/24 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

DCC advised the report provides a summary of performance against the three commitments in the Police and Crime Plan 2022-2025: Fighting Crime; Improving Lives; and Preventing Crime.

Noted.

6. CUSTODY TARGET OPERATING MODEL

Chief Superintendent, Criminal Justice and Custody, presented the target operating model for custody, proposing a four-hub model.

DCC queried maintenance costs for Millbank, and additional benefits to be realised from re-purposing it as a storage facility. They also requested clarity around the circumstances under which Berwick would be used as a resilience suite.

ACC (Communities) noted the requirement for a variance to be factored into the healthcare contract to reflect the increase in custody hubs.

Agreed:

- *To the creation of a four-hub custody model by opening Bedlington and reducing business as usual (BAU) cell availability at Middle Engine Lane (MEL) by 20.*
- *To retain the existing custody shift pattern with the caveat that a protected learning day (PLD) be introduced following consultation, post four-hub implementation.*
- *To decommission Millbank as a resilience suite.*

Action:

- *Clarity regarding the circumstances under which Berwick will be opened as a resilience suite to be agreed with ACC (Crime and Safeguarding), including any risks / mitigations.*
- *Chief Superintendent, Criminal Justice and Custody, to provide an update to Executive Board in 12 months detailing the impact of the investment and the benefits realised from moving to a four-hub model.*

7. SPECIAL POLICE SERVICES – CHARGES FOR ADDITIONAL POLICING

Head of Finance presented the report which made recommendations to update Special Police Services rates with effect from 1 April 2024.

Agreed:

- *To the revised Special Police Services (SPS) Rates in accordance with updated NPCC guidelines and the new national SPS rates.*
- *To the introduction of charging for the use of Police vehicles in accordance with NPCC guidelines whilst conducting abnormal load escorts and work conducted by the Planning Officer.*

8. MANCHESTER ARENA INQUIRY UPDATE

T/ACC (Force Coordination) provided an update in respect of ongoing activity to ensure compliance against the Manchester Arena Inquiry (MAI) recommendations.

Update *noted*.

9. WITHDRAWAL OF FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Governance and Planning Adviser sought approval for withdrawal of the force Environmental Policy, which has been superseded by the Force Sustainability Strategy.

Agreed: The force Environmental Policy is withdrawn.

10. FORCE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

DCC suggested reporting of attendance at conferences and events be managed through the respective Portfolio Governance Boards, with six-monthly updates provided to the Culture and Leadership Board.

Action: Governance and Planning Adviser to remove Force Attendance at Conferences and Events from future Executive Board agendas.

11. EXECUTIVE BOARD FORWARD PLAN (OPEN SESSION)

Action: Governance and Planning Adviser to include Roads Policing Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment and Data Strategy on Executive Board forward plan as requested.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

19 March 2024, 09:00, Executive Team Meeting Room, Middle Engine Lane / Teams