

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE MINUTES

Title	Meeting Number
EXECUTIVE BOARD	11/2024

Date	Location	Duration
29/10/2024	Executive Team Meeting Room, Middle Engine Lane	09:00 – 15:23

Present:

Vanessa Jardine	Chief Constable (CC) (<i>Chair</i>)
Jayne Meir	Deputy Chief Constable (DCC)
Kevin Laing	Head of Finance (CFO)
Joscelin Lawson	Assistant Chief Officer Corporate Services
Alastair Simpson	Assistant Chief Constable (Crime and Safeguarding)
Lewis Fletcher	Governance and Planning Adviser (<i>Secretary</i>)

Invitees:

Paul Mclauchlin	Chief Technology Officer (<i>present for item 6</i>)
Sarah Robson	Chief Inspector, Staff Office
David Pickett	Superintendent, Operations Department (<i>Present for item 15</i>)
Jamie Pitt	Superintendent, Force Coordination (<i>Present for item 14</i>)

Apologies:

Deborah Alderson	T/Assistant Chief Constable (T/ACC) (Force Coordination)
Andy Hill	Assistant Chief Constable (Communities)

OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

1. OPENING

Chair opened the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON 09 OCTOBER 2024

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Action list updated.

5a. PERFORMANCE UPDATE

DCC introduced the performance update, noting BT is unable to explain why calls are delayed by six seconds when transferred over to the Force. Northumbria Police is not the only Force affected, with national lobbying currently in progress. At a recent external event, T/ACC (Force Coordination) had a discussion with Motorola, who believed they could resolve the issue.

DCC noted work is currently ongoing regarding the use of GoodSAM for some G2 or G2V incidents where there are challenges identified to attend within an hour.

Out of Court Disposals are in line with other Forces, and the number of open crimes is stabilising, with more closed than opened last month. DCC has requested a Drones Lead be appointed, noting it is important to develop the strategic ambition on drones.

Chair highlighted Operation CAPIO (disrupting and preventing anti-social motor bike use) has had a positive impact. DCC clarified there has recently been a deep dive, with area commands all having plans in place, with more focus on this area in the next 12 months.

RaSSO outcome rates have flatlined; there is an expectation of improvements with additional resources into Safeguarding Department. ACC (Crime and Safeguarding) highlighted Durham Constabulary is among the top performers, with no dedicated Rape Team.

Action: T/ACC (Force Coordination) to provide an update at November's Executive Board on the potential for Motorola to resolve the delay in call transfers.

5b. SPECIFIED INFORMATION ORDER – NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR POLICING

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

5c. FORCE CHANGE BOARD UPDATE

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

6. CROWN REDEPLOYMENT

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

7. STRATEGIC RESOURCING: REVENUE BUDGET & KEY RESOURCING UPDATES

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

8a. REVENUE MONITORING POSITION - AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

8b. CAPITAL MONITORING POSITION – AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

8c. SUPPLY OF OPERATIONAL CARGO TROUSERS

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

9. ESTATES STRATEGY – MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (ALIGNMENT WITH FORCE STRATEGY)

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

10. BAIRD INQUIRY

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

11. HMICFRS PUBLICATIONS: THE POLICING RESPONSE TO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – PEEL SPOTLIGHT REPORT

DCC introduced the PEEL spotlight report, noting that antisocial behaviour has decreased by 18% in the Force area. Work is ongoing which is being tracked through Force Assurance Board and governed through the Local Policing Portfolio Governance Board.

Update ***noted.***

12. PEOPLES POLICIES

ACO Corporate Services introduced Peoples Policies and requested approval for the creation of a new framework for the policies owned by People Department.

Agreed: To the creation of a new framework for the policies owned by People Department.

13. CHANGES TO ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

DCC introduced the changes to the Acceptable Use Policy, with a section around Artificial Intelligence (AI) being added. ACC (Crime and Safeguarding) highlighted that AI cannot be used, if it falls out of officially sanctioned Force technology.

Agreed: To an additional element being added to the current force policy on Acceptable Use to address the use of artificial intelligence applications in the processing of classified police data, and to state that artificial intelligence applications must not be used to support operation decision making or in the creation of documents which may enter the criminal justice system.

14. MANCHESTER ARENA INQUIRY QUARTERLY UPDATE

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

15. NPAS: AVIATION SUPPORT

Exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

16. IMD RESOURCE UPLIFT

Item to be discussed at Strategic Resourcing Board.

17. EXECUTIVE BOARD FORWARD PLAN

Noted.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) PENSION REMEDY – DECISION TO WAVE INTEREST

Head of Finance (CFO) introduced the Pension Remedy – Decision to Wave Interest report, to request a decision on the option to waive additional interest on backdated contribution adjustments payable by active members who are legacy PPS 198 members under Pension Remedy.

Agreed: To the waiving of additional interest on backdated contributions for a period of up to 12 months following the date of issue of the Remedial Service Statement (RSS).

Agreed: That each decision will be documented, and subject to an assessment by the Finance Lead, Payroll and Pensions, on a case-by-case basis, whether the process needed to recalculate the interest once the member has indicated they wish to pay, is uneconomical to do so.

19. DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Executive Board – 26 November 2024, 08:30, Executive Team Meeting Room, Middle Engine Lane.