

**Executive Board**  
**15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
**Time: 13:00 – 14:35**  
**Venue: Dixon Room, Police Headquarters**

<p><b>Attendees</b>  <b>Chair:</b> PCVC Mr Ron Hogg  <b>ODPCVC:</b> Mr Stephen White, Mr Jon Carling, Mrs Jo Connor, Ms S Kilili  <b>Constabulary:</b> CC Michael Barton, DCC Jo Farrell, ACC Dave Orford, Detective Superintendent Kevin Weir, Sgt Dean Caile, Mrs Julie Diamond  <b>Guest:</b> Mr Stephen Carter (Durham County Council, Internal Auditor) Mrs Elsie Davies (chair Joint Independent Audit Committee)</p>	<p><b>Apologies</b>  ACC Mr Dave Orford  ACO Mr Gary Ridley</p>
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	Subject	Action / Discussion	Responsible Officer	Status / Target Date
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> April were recorded as a true record.		
2.	Reoffending Update	<p>D/Supt Kevin Weir gave an update to the Exec Board on Reoffending highlighting the main activities and the activities for the next period as outlined in the report.</p> <p>Chief Constable to invite the PCVC to be the SPOC with the American Alcohol Interlock Company.</p> <p>Engagement with the magistrates' forum and Judge Prince to assess their appetite for deferred sentencing.</p> <p>Agreement to do a randomised controlled trial for voluntary attenders.</p>	<p>Chief Constable</p> <p>DCC Jo Farrell</p> <p>D/Supt K Weir</p>	
3.	PCVC & CC Annual Governance Statement	<p>Mr Stephen Carter presented the Annual Governance Statements for the PCVC and Chief Constable to approve. He advised that this had gone to the Joint Audit Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.</p> <p>The Exec Board approved the statements and both the PCVC and Chief Constable signed the reports in the meeting.</p>		
4.	Monthly Performance Report	Mr Carling presented the monthly performance report and questioned:		

		<p>- Why has there been a steady increase in incidents with a 'vulnerability' flag over the past three years?</p> <p>All officers have a better understanding of vulnerability and are more confident in identifying and flagging it.</p> <p>- ASB victim satisfaction – there was a curious increase in Q3, followed by a decrease in Q4. Why was this?</p> <p>DCC Jo Farrell agreed that there was slippage but this is being addressed.</p> <p>- What is the force doing to understand the rise in level of violent crime?</p> <p>The force assessed their demand and a lot of this was down to harassment and neighbourhood ASB issues.</p>		
5.	Disclosure of Information for the Procurement of Insurance 2019/20	<p>Mrs Diamond explained the purpose of this report was that there was nothing material missing or inaccurate in the information provided to insurers for them to provide insurance cover to Durham Constabulary for the period up to 31 July 2020.</p> <p>The Executive Board confirmed that the information provided is accurate and they will notify the ACO of any additional relevant information relating to the period up to 31 July 2020 that should be declared.</p>		
6.	Gender Pay Gap	<p>Mrs Diamond presented the gender pay gap details, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. The details are published on the website.</p> <p>Mr Hogg said that clearly there is a need to eliminate any gender pay gap and he supports Durham Constabulary who strive to continue to achieve this.</p>		
7.	HMICFRS VfM profiles	<p>Mrs Diamond outlined the salient points of the latest 2018 HMICFRS VfM profiles and identified areas for further review and she also provided an update on the actions taken from the 2016 profiles.</p> <p>Mr Hogg agreed that the challenges going forward is to maintain the good performance while reducing costs in line with government spending limits.</p>		

		Mr Hogg agreed the report.		
8.	Updates on HMICFRS Inspection Report Recommendations	Mr Carling advised the Board on a proposal to receive progress updates against HMICFRS inspection reports recommendations.  The Exec Board approved the proposal.		
9.	HMICFRS County Lines Thematic Debrief	DCC Jo Farrell presented the hot debrief from the HMICFRS County Lines inspection which had been carried out between the 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 as part of a thematic inspection programme to assess <i>“the robustness of the response, with attention being given to the safeguarding and vulnerability aspects”</i> around County Lines.  Mr Hogg thanked DCC Jo Farrell for sharing the findings.		
10.	HMICFRS Integrated Peel Assessment	DCC Jo Farrell shared the findings from the HMICFRS report in relation to the Integrated PEEL Assessment. HMICFRS have made no recommendations to Durham in this years’ report but detailed 3 formal “Areas for Improvement”  Mr Hogg thanked DCC Farrell for the update.		
11.	Joint Independent Audit Committee Annual Reports	Mrs Davies chair of the Joint Independent Audit Committee presented the two reports for the PCVC and the Chief Constable for the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19.  The PCVC Mr Hogg and CC Mr Barton accepted these reports and they will be published on the PCVC website by 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019.		
12.	AOB	Mr Hogg thanked CC Mr Barton for all of his hard work in putting foundations in place to make people safe in County Durham and Darlington and wished him a very long and happy retirement.		