



**Durham Police & Crime
Commissioner/ Chief Constable**

Joint Audit Committee

**Tuesday 16 June 2015
11.00 a.m.**



**The Watson Room
Police HQ**

Attendees

Mr R J Humphries in the chair

Members

Cllr E Bell, Ms J Flynn, Ms M Raine

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Mr A Reiss and Mrs K Bambridge

Durham Constabulary

Mr G Ridley and Mr S Winship (Inspection of Files)

Auditors

Mr S Carter

Apologies: Mrs E M Davies

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

Cllr Bell requested an update on Parental controls for IT. Mr Ridley will ask one of the force researchers to look into this and he will provide an update at a future meeting.

2. Quarterly Risk Management Report

The committee received a report on the latest Force Risk Register.

Mr Ridley presented the Plan on a Page Heat Map which is used as a Force wide Risk Register and discussed in detail at the meeting in term of current initiatives within Force in order to reduce risk and increase performance.

3. Quarterly Performance Management Report

The committee received a report on performance management.

Mr Ridley informed members that the force performance is presented to Force Leadership Group every month and explained that it contains the following information:

- Overview of the 4 key elements of performance ie achievement of outcomes, core deliverables, enabling factors and resource management.
- Outcomes gives details of satisfaction and confidence levels
- Core deliverables gives information on tackling criminals, protecting neighbourhoods and safeguarding vulnerable people
- Enabling factors gives information on response times, demand and leadership /legitimacy
- Resources gives information on officer and staff numbers and overall availability. It also gives information on the results of the staff survey.

In response to a question from Cllr Bell with regards to what the force were doing to mitigate the loss of 150 members of staff, Mr Ridley explained that the force were using volunteers and they were in the process of recruiting new officers and PCSO's. In addition to this, Mr Reiss informed members that they were also expanding the use of IT (particularly the use of mobile data) to increase productivity.

A discussion took place around PCSO powers and Mr Ridley suggested that a presentation be given at a future training session.

4. Quarterly Treasury Management Report

The committee received an update on the Short Term Investments and Short Term Borrowings for the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

Mrs Diamond presented the report and informed the committee that an interest of £20,955 has been earned up to 31st March 2015. This compares with the original annual budget of £95,000 and a revised budget of £18,172. The difference is mainly due to the proceeds of sale of the old HQ site now being due in the financial year ending 31 March 2016 rather than the year to 31 March 2015 and consequently not earning interest on the amount as originally budgeted.

5. Quarterly Report from Professional Standards

The committee received a presentation from Supt Darren Ellis, regarding the latest statistics on complaints within the force area.

Mr Humphries commented that the figures for use of Taser were very impressive, showing that they have not raised much throughout the years and they are very responsible.

Mr Ellis commented that the use of Taser is becoming a safer option (rather than the use of incapacitant spray).

Mr Bell questioned how many officers carry Tasers and do they get more confidence from having them. He suggested that it would be useful to have some comparable data to show how well it is working.