

NOTES FROM THE JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2015 IN ROOM A07 COUNTY HALL PRESTON

Present:

C Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner
S Finnigan, Chief Constable

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

A Harrison, Director
S Freeman, Chief Finance Officer
I Dickinson, Standards & Governance Officer
A Robertson,

Lancashire Constabulary

I Cosh, Director of Resources
Superintendent I Dawson

Part I – Public items

Note of the last meeting

The Note of the last meeting on the 7 August 2015 was accepted.

Statement of Accounts

The Commissioner and Chief Constable received a Statement of Accounts for 2014/15.

Mr Thomas reported that the accounts presented for audit were of a high standard and issued an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements, and an unqualified value for money conclusion.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable noted that this would be the last time Mr Thomas would present the Joint Audit Findings for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Chief Constable for Lancashire Constabulary due to the planned job rotation within Grant Thornton. They asked that it be put on record that they valued the work undertaken by Mr Thomas over the years.

DECISION 2015/45– That,

1. The Joint Audit Findings for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Chief Constable for Lancashire Constabulary be received and noted;
2. the Letter of Representation be approved;

3. That the Statement of Accounts for 2014/15 be approved and formally signed by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.
4. the Police and Crime Commissioner's and Chief Constable's thanks to Mr Thomas for his work over the years be formally put on record.

Futures Programme

The Commissioner considered 5 implementation plans which have been developed through the Constabulary's Future Programme. It was noted that these related to the business cases previously endorsed at the Joint Management Board on 7 August.

DECISION 2015/44 – The Commissioner endorsed the Implementation Plans.

Joint Audit and Ethics Committee

The Commissioner and Chief Constable received a report recommending the new approach to an Ethics Committee.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable recalled that they agreed in October 2014 to establish an ethics committee and made an explicit and public commitment to transparent, ethical policing in Lancashire that is subjected to rigorous independent scrutiny.

Since then officers have undertaken two public recruitment exercises but have been unable to fulfil the needs of the committee.

This report brought forward an option for progression that was timely and could be progressed without inherent delay.

DECISION 2015/42 – That the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable;

1. Revoked the decision made in October 2014 to set up a combined ethics committee;
2. Approved the establishment of a Joint Audit and Ethics Committee; and
3. Agreed that the additional allowance highlighted in the report for committee members be met from the existing OPCC revenue budget.

Outward Communication

No outward communication was identified. However it was recognised that there would be internal communication with staff following the endorsement of the Implementation plans.

Urgent Business

No urgent business was discussed.

PART II - PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Strategic Policing Requirement

The Commissioner received a summary of the changes within the Strategic Policing Requirement published in March 2015 and an overview of the Constabulary's current capacity, contribution and capability.

Decision 2015/43

The Police and Crime Commissioner noted the report.