

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner – Monthly Management Team Meeting

18 December 2023 via Teams

Attendees	Brian Plastow - Scottish Biometrics Commissioner (Chair)	
	Cheryl Glen – Corporate Services Manager	
	Joanna Milne - Business Support Officer (Minutes)	
Apologies	Diego Quiroz – Operations Manager	

Item	Subject	Discussion	Actions	Lead
1	Welcome	The Chair welcomed attendees to the Management Team Meeting		
2	Review of Minutes, Actions and Matters	Minutes from the previous Management Team Meeting were reviewed, accepted as accurate and approved for publication.	Minutes from previous meeting to be published on our website.	BSO
	Outstanding from Previous meeting	The action log was reviewed and updated.		
		No matters outstanding from previous meeting.		

3	Operational Plan	Thematic Reports		
	·	Operations Manager is currently working on the Images review and has received all information from the SPA, Police Scotland and the PIRC. This report will be laid before Parliament in March 2024.	First draft of the images review to be with the Commissioner by w/c 5 February 2024	ОМ
		Laws of Retention	Tebruary 2024	
		The Commissioner is meeting with the Scottish Government on 19		
		December to discuss the next step. The Commissioner has already		
		confirmed our lack of resources until our images review and compliance		
		assessments are complete. The full report is due to be published in October 2024.		
		Complaints		
		No complaints have been received.		
		Compliance Assessments		
		The Police Scotland response is due to be reviewed this week. The meetings		
		to discuss all findings will be held with the SPA, Police Scotland and the PIRC in January 2024. These reports will be published on our website by the end		
		of January.		
		Section 31 and 32 reports		
		After discussions with our Advisory Audit Board and Audit Scotland a		
		decision will be made whether we produce two separate reports or		
		amalgamate them into one report.		
		Stakeholder Engagement		
		 On 11 December the Commissioner attended a meeting with Martyn Evans from the SPA 		
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		Edwards from the ICO to sign a Memorandum of Understanding		
		 On 7 December the Commissioner attended the Police Scotland Biometrics Oversight Board 		
		 On 7 December the Commissioner delivered an SPA staff briefing re biometrics 		

 On 19 December the Commissioner will be attending the FINDS Strategy Board On 21 December the Commissioner will be attending a workshop with Police Scotland on the DESC project In 2024 the Commissioner will be attending the following: The CeTAS, Alan Turing Institute meeting Panel discussion at the Cyber Scotland event – Public Sector Cyber 		
 Security Scotland 2024 The Commissioner has also been asked to attend an event at the Leverhulme Institute on Investigative Genealogy 		
Newsletter The December newsletter has been published on our website and sent out		
Easy read version of Code of Practice An abbreviated version of the Code of Practice and the Complaints procedure have been sent to Disability Equality Scotland. They will produce an easy read version for us to publish in the New Year.	Versions to be shared amongst SBC team for thoughts prior to publication on website	ОМ
Draft handbook for assurance reviews The final amendments to the handbook are in progress. The changes are to include where documents should be filed and confirmation that first drafts needs to be available three months prior to final publication.	Review current amended version and circulate amongst team	CSM and BSO
SBC Performance Management Strategy The SBC Performance Management Strategy has been produced to highlight measurement of our KPI's and Strategic Outcomes.	Review strategy and circulate amongst team	CSM

4	Policies and Procedures	 CSM currently reviewing the Business Continuity Plan following our tabletop exercises. An appendix will be added to include important link to guidance documents. Advisory Group (AG) Terms of Reference was discussed at our latest AG meeting and no changes identified. Personal accident and travel insurance has been renewed. In January, the CSM will conduct a review of the file plan and file guidance. The amended leave policy will be available in Objective Connect shortly but it will also be circulated via email. 	Amended leave policy to be sent round team	CSM
5	Audit(s)	Internal audit of business continuity processes to be conducted w/c 12 February 2024. The corporate performance internal audit has concluded with three recommendations including reporting on full year of website footfall, outcomes to be more impact based and separation between Strategic Plan and Business Plan KPIs. The next proposed AAB meeting will be March 2024.	SMC Management actions to be added to TIAA Corporate Performance report	CSM with liaison with Commissioner
6	Data Protection	Access to Scottish Parliament GDPR training has been provided. Data Protection Officer is going on paternity leave and Ann Marie Partridge will be deputising. CSM and BSO have been updating eRDM folder and ensuring documents are moved to new folders where required.	Everyone to complete SP GDPR training	All
7	Cyber Security	Mandatory ICT training has been completed by the team. The decision has been taken to no longer purchase a tablet.		

8	Training	Employee engagement survey to be conducted in February. A year on from the original survey.		
9	Annual Leave / Flexi Leave	The Commissioner will review holidays in March 2024 to ensure team are using their holidays.	Leave Balance to be added to March team meeting agenda	BSO
10	AOCB	 The project to move Telephony to Teams is back on track. Tariffs for mobiles have changed and we will be moving to the new tariffs from the New Year. Windows 11 will be rolled out in 2024. The Scottish Government's budget will be announced on 19 December and the Commissioner is hoping SBC's budget will be announced in February. Commissioner is supporting the review to be carried out by Public Finance Committee into future Commissioners and Ombudsman. 		