



MINUTES

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

15 JANUARY 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Reg Littleboy	Alternates
Alene Branton MBE	Clive Palmerley	Keith Orrell
Mark Burns-Williamson	Charles Perryman (Vice Chair)	Andrew Smith
Les Carter	Ruth Potter	
Jane Kenyon (Chair)	David Rudd	

Jill Bartrop MBE from South Yorkshire Police Authority attended as an observer.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Gill Bardsley	Jeremy Holderness	Fraser Sampson
Joanna Carter	Grahame Maxwell	Kevin Sharp
Karen Grey	Erika Redfearn	Bill Wilkinson
Judith Heeley	Mark Reeves	

45. APOLOGIES

Received from Mohammed Ismaiel, Steven Rollinson and Janet Spencer.

46. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

47. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2008

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

48. MATTERS ARISING

Members were referred to a pre-prepared sheet outlining progress with the actions from the last meeting.

Chief Constable Mr Maxwell reported that other areas of normal police business being considered for harmonisation included firearms training, public order training, command training, critical incidents and self defence training. At the request of members he agreed to provide a written list.

ACTION

A written list of other areas of normal police business being considered for harmonisation to be circulated to members.

49. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

50. LEAD FORCE ARRANGEMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND STAFF WORKING ON REGIONAL TEAM

Members received a report which informed them about progress with the Employment Framework project since the last meeting. A lead Force/Authority model was proposed and it was reported that South Yorkshire had volunteered to take the lead on the basis of shared indemnity/liability.

It was agreed that the recommendation ought to include reference to shared indemnity/liability.

RESOLVED

That Members noted the contents of the report and approved the proposed approach to adopt a Lead Force/Authority model to support regional collaboration, with a commitment to shared indemnity/liability from the remaining forces/authorities.

51. THREE YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST

Members received a report which included an updated three-year financial forecast from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2012.

Mark Reeves introduced the report and confirmed that no additional growth was expected. He also confirmed that the figures did not include any carry forward from 2008/09.

Each Chair confirmed that the amounts shown were included in each Authority's three-year financial plans.

Members asked if it was realistic to make no provision for new work within the forecast. Chief Constable Mr Maxwell explained that decisions still needed to be made about existing projects, such as whether to implement all the phases of the Strategic Roads Policing project. He added that there were other projects presently being scoped, such as the IT project, which had a five to ten year timeframe. He finished by saying these would need to be considered by

the Regional Programme Board before coming to JPAC. Bill Wilkinson said it was important to capture these projects and begin to earmark funding. Each project would have to be accompanied by a fully worked up business case.

A discussion then took place about efficiency targets and the work that was underway to establish a performance framework. Fraser Sampson stressed the need to differentiate projects based on additionality i.e. those aimed at strengthening protective services from those based on efficiency and productivity. Members were assured that the reports from this work would address their concerns and told that the first report would be published in April 2009.

RESOLVED

That Members approved the updated three year financial forecast.

52. CARRY FORWARD TO 2009/10 FINANCIAL YEAR

Members received a report which proposed a principle for the carry forward of underspend from one financial year to another, for inclusion in the Regional Financial Instructions.

Members were concerned that there was no clarity over what would happen if there was over £300k underspend. Charles Perryman suggested that this would need the approval of the individual police authorities.

Further clarification within the Regional Financial Instructions on this point was requested by Members.

RESOLVED

That further clarification be provided to Members within the Regional Financial Instructions.

53. REGIONAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Members received a paper which updated them on progress towards having a Regional Protective Services Improvement Plan. The paper explained that revised ACPO Threshold Standards and a revised National Protective Services Assessment Tool had slowed progress. A common platform for assessing the regional risk also needed to be agreed.

Chief Constable Mr Maxwell introduced the report and said it was hoped to produce the Regional Plan in three to four months time.

Members raised the issue of an impending ministerial visit to the May JPAC meeting and expressed the view that there needed to be a finalised plan for this date. After further discussion it was agreed that Members would be sent a draft timetable and a progress report would be provided for the next JPAC meeting. An efficiencies report was also required to the same timescales. The

Regional Plan would be drafted in time for the April Regional Programme Board and finalised by the May JPAC meeting.

Members were also concerned that paragraph 7 of the covering report gave the impression that North Yorkshire Police Authority did not review its Force's Protective Services Improvement Plan. It was pointed out that, although North Yorkshire Police Authority had a different decision-making structure to the other three police authorities, there was a Board which undertook this task.

RESOLVED

That Members requested the Regional Protective Services Improvement Plan and Efficiencies Report to be finalised prior to the May 2009 JPAC meeting, with an update on progress provided to the next meeting.

54. BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Members received a report which included as an appendix, a copy of a performance and budget position report to a meeting of South Yorkshire Police Authority.

Mark Reeves explained that a change to the South Yorkshire virement rules had required the report from the Regional Programme Director.

It was felt unnecessary for the Regional Programme Director to report to the four individual police authorities in addition to JPAC. It was therefore agreed that a similar report to JPAC could then devolved to each police authority.

RESOLVED

That Members noted the report and agreed that future reports would be provided to JPAC and devolved to individual police authorities thereafter.

55. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

CHAIR