



MINUTES

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

17 SEPTEMBER 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Jane Kenyon (Chair Items 1 and 2 only)	Alternates
Alene Branton MBE (Vice Chair)	Reg Littleboy	Keith Orrell
Mark Burns-Williamson	Charles Perryman (Chair)	Andrew Smith
Les Carter (Items 1 to 13 only)	Ruth Potter	Janet Spencer
Mohammed Ismaiel	David Rudd	Kashaf Walayat OBE

OFFICERS PRESENT

Nigel Brook (Items 1 to 14 only)	Meredydd Hughes	Kevin Sharp
Geoff Dodd	Erika Redfearn	Claire Sykes
Karen Grey	Fraser Sampson	Paul Wainwright

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Clive Palmerley, Steven Rollinson, Jeremy Holderness and Bill Wilkinson.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Jane Kenyon requested nominations for the appointment of the Chair of the Joint Police Authorities Committee for 2009/10. Charles Perryman was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED

That Charles Perryman was appointed Chair of the Yorkshire and Humberside Joint Police Authorities Committee for 2009/10.

[Charles Perryman in the Chair]

Charles Perryman thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and paid tribute to Jane Kenyon for her work as Chair over the past twelve months.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair requested nominations for the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Joint Police Authorities Committee for 2009/10. Alene Branton MBE was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED

That Alene Branton MBE was appointed Vice-Chair of the Yorkshire and Humberside Joint Police Authorities Committee for 2009/10.

4. APPOINTMENT OF POLICE AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND SERVICING AUTHORITY

The Chair advised members that Fraser Sampson and West Yorkshire Police Authority were content to continue in these roles.

RESOLVED

That Fraser Sampson and West Yorkshire Police Authority was appointed Chief Executive and Servicing Authority of the Yorkshire and Humberside Joint Police Authorities Committee for 2009/10.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

6. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 MAY 2009

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

7. MATTERS ARISING

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

In respect of lead force arrangements, Claire Sykes was able to provide further detail about progress with arrangements for police staff, police officers, the Regional Asset Recovery Team (RART) and Regional Programme Team (RPT). She outlined the timescales for consultation in respect of the transfer of police staff under TUPE regulations and said that this would take a maximum of six months. Claire added that the detail was being worked through in respect of seconding police officers to South Yorkshire. It was hoped to restructure the RART to clearly identify those working for Yorkshire and the Humber. Claire finished by saying that the arrangements for the RPT would be worked through as part of the second phase since it was linked to the paper from Chief Superintendent Geoff Dodd.

Members emphasised the need for effective consultation and communication and asked about the risks to implementation of the arrangements. In response, Claire Sykes highlighted the need for indemnification from the other three police authorities and said that the first draft of a legal document had been prepared for discussion.

A question was also asked about the funding for the full-time Human Resources Manager. Claire Sykes explained that it was hoped to transfer the post from the Regional Programme Team.

Finally members discussed the size of the ACPO regions whilst considering the RART. Chief Constable Mr Hughes explained that some work had started to restructure the regions because it was becoming an issue in other areas too. It was agreed that a letter could be sent from JPAC to support this position.

RESOLVED

That Members noted progress with the issues and actions.

ACTION

The Chair to send a letter to ACPO supporting a review of the regional structure.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that Mark Burns-Williamson had been appointed Deputy Chair at the APA Council meeting which took place on the previous day. Mark was formally congratulated on his appointment. In reply he said that he was delighted to have been appointed and that he would do his best for policing.

The Chair also informed members of the new Chair, other Deputy Chair and the new Chief Executive of the APA.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 24 (Minute No. 24 refers) on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with the requirements of Part 2 of the same schedule.

10. APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ASSOCIATION OF POLICE AUTHORITIES BOARD AND RATIFICATION OF POLICY NETWORK REPRESENTATIVES

The Chair introduced the report of the Chief Executives for the Committee to appoint a Regional Representative to the Association of Police Authorities (APA) Board for 2009/10 and to ratify the nominated regional representatives on the four Policy Networks.

The Chair asked for nominations for the Regional Representative appointment were made and seconded:-

Alene Branton (Humberside Police Authority)
Jane Kenyon (North Yorkshire Police Authority)

The Chair asked the Chief Executive to advise in relation to the appointment process to be followed by the Committee.

The Chief Executive drew members' attention to the Standing Orders of the Committee and, in particular, to the fact that, although provision had been made within those Standing Orders for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair to the Committee itself, there was no specific process for the appointment currently under consideration by the Committee.

The Chief Executive drew members' attention to the voting arrangements provided for within the Standing Orders. The Chair advised that on his interpretation, the matter should proceed on the voting arrangements prescribed under SO2.2 and using the appointment methodology provided for under SO4 (by means of a secret ballot).

Both candidates addressed the Committee, leaving the room whilst the other candidate took their turn.

There then followed a vote by secret ballot in accordance with the arrangements under SO2.2 which produced a simple majority of the vote cast in favour of Alene Branton.

The Committee also ratified the nominated Regional Representatives to the APA Policy Networks.

RESOLVED

That

- (a) Alene Branton was appointed as the Regional Representative on the APA Board;**
- (b) the APA was to be notified accordingly; and**
- (c) the Regional Representatives to the four APA Policy networks were ratified.**

11. REGIONAL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Members received a report of the Chair which presented the draft Strategy for Efficiency and Productivity Through Collaboration and asked JPAC to recommend its support to the four individual police authorities.

In introducing the report, the Chair drew attention to the key drivers and referred to the general acceptance and enthusiasm from members when it was discussed at the recent all-member event. He explained that the work had already been taken forward by a Working Party and that the following paper from the Chief Constables was the resulting output. He finished by commending JPAC to adopt the Strategy formally and then to seek endorsement from the individual police authorities.

Fraser Sampson highlighted the importance of buy-in from each police authority and referred to the external interest in what was seen to be innovative work.

Concern was expressed about the way in which the paragraph setting out the overall efficiency target should be worded. It was agreed that there should be some identification of a figure and that the aspiration should be stretching. However, the current wording in the Draft Strategy could be interpreted in different ways and members queried whether 40% was achievable. In response the Chief Executives and Nigel Brook explained why a challenging target was necessary and that it would be necessary to stop erosion of front-line policing as financial pressures increased.

It was agreed to re-word the paragraph within the Strategy and provide a briefing paper for members which highlighted the common key points and was worded simply so that all members could understand it.

RESOLVED

That

- (a) Members endorsed the Strategy and**
- (b) agreed to seek the collective support of the four police authorities in the Region after the Chief Executives had re-worded the paragraph.**

12. PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which informed members of the discussion and decisions from the recent Regional Programme Board meeting concerning the future of regional collaboration. Included in the report were the 19 recommendations proposed by the Regional Working Group, established by the Regional Programme Board to move the Strategy for Efficiency and Productivity Through Collaboration forward.

Chief Superintendent Geoff Dodd delivered a short presentation to members which explained the rationale behind the recommendations. He emphasised the recommendations to appoint a Deputy Chief Constable or equivalent to head up regional working, the second to prepare a more detailed business case and the third to agree to the continuation of the Working Group.

Concern was expressed by members about the proposed addition of another layer of bureaucracy by creating a Regional Collaboration Executive. It was felt to be unnecessary if there was a Head of Regional Working appointed. In response Geoff Dodd explained why the present system of asking Command Team members to lead on projects was problematic and bypassing current Deputy Chief Constables, who were not sighted on the work involved.

Members also felt unable to do more than agree the recommendations in principle until they had seen a fully costed business case. During the discussion members asked for the business case to include details of the recruitment process for the Deputy Chief Constable or equivalent, the potential for savings and the way in which the proposed arrangements would be funded.

Chief Constable Mr Hughes commended Geoff Dodd for his work on the paper. He said that the principles within the paper were sound but agreed to provide more detail and assess the funding implications within the business case that would come back to the next JPAC meeting. He also agreed to include an option that did not have the Executive within the proposed structure.

Members agreed to endorse the continuation of the Working Group.

RESOLVED

That Members endorsed the continuation of the Working Group.

ACTIONS

That a fully costed business case, covering the points made by members, be brought to the November 2009 JPAC meeting.

13. BUDGET UPDATE

Members were provided with a report of the Chief Constables which provided a summary of expenditure to July 2009. The report highlighted a further underspend in 2009/10 and the reasons for this. The paper also explained that the implications of the recommendations from the previous report could have significant implications for the 2010/11 budget and asked that presentation of the Regional Budget be deferred until the next JPAC meeting.

RESOLVED

That Members noted the report and agreed to defer the Regional Budget to the November 2009 JPAC meeting.

Les Carter left the meeting at the end of Item 13.

14. PROCUREMENT – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which asked JPAC and the individual police authorities to adopt the Office of Government Commerce model terms and conditions of contract as core terms for the supply of goods and services by all Yorkshire and the Humber police forces.

Nigel Brook introduced the report and reassured members that the model terms and conditions would not be too restrictive for the forces or police authorities.

RESOLVED

That JPAC members:

- (a) approved the adoption of the terms and conditions of contract as outlined; and**
- (b) agreed to consult with their individual police authorities to agree the adoption of the terms and conditions of contract.**

15. OLYMPICS 2012

Chief Constable Mr Hughes provided a verbal update on arrangements for the Olympics, both nationally and regionally.

16. INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

Members were provided with a report of the Chief Executives which brought them up to date with the ongoing involvement with Local Government Yorkshire and Humber (LGYH).

In introducing the report, Kevin Sharp drew members' attention to the penetration of police authority members within LGYH and the activities that both members and officers were involved with. He finished by highlighting the work underway in respect of member development which was being funded by money awarded by the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership.

Mark Burns-Williamson provided an overview of matters discussed at the most recent members' meeting. He advised that a request was being made for police authorities to have a place on the leaders' board and that he would report progress to a future meeting.

Members expressed dissatisfaction that LGYH meetings had been rearranged and were once again clashing with JPAC meetings.

That:

- (a) the report was noted; and**
- (b) there was agreement to a further report being submitted in six-months time.**

17. REPORT FROM APA BOARD

Members received a report of the Chief Executives which reported on the business discussed at the most recent meeting of the Association of Police Authorities (APA) Board.

Fraser Sampson undertook to provide members with a written summary of the business at the APA Council meeting held the day before.

RESOLVED

That JPAC noted the feedback from the APA Board.

ACTION

Fraser Sampson to circulate a summary of the business discussed at the APA Council meeting held on 16 September 2009.

18. REPORT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE APA POLICY NETWORKS

Members received a report of the Chief Executives which reported on the business discussed at the most recent meetings of the Association of Police Authorities (APA) Policy Networks.

RESOLVED

That JPAC noted the feedback from the APA Policy Networks.

19. REGIONAL UNIFORM PROJECT

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated members on the decisions made at the Regional Programme Board on 27 August 2009 as the best way forward to standardise uniform within Yorkshire and the Humber region, taking into account potential savings.

RESOLVED

That JPAC noted the report.

20. PROJECT UPDATES

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on progress of collaborative activity and projects being undertaken by the region. Also included was a report of the link member for the Serious and Organised Crime Project.

RESOLVED

That JPAC noted the reports.

21. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES' MEETINGS HELD ON 13 MAY 2009, 15 JUNE 2009 AND 22 JULY 2009

Members received the notes of the Chief Executives' meetings held on 13 May 2009, 15 June 2009 and 22 July 2009.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

22. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 23 APRIL 2009 AND 25 JUNE 2009

Members received the notes of the Regional Programme Board meetings held on 23 April 2009 and 25 June 2009.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

23. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME BOARD HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2009

Chief Constable Mr Hughes had stepped out of the meeting when this agenda item was reached. It was agreed to circulate the notes of this meeting to members. Members were requested to raise any issues with their Chairs.

ACTION

Notes of the Regional Programme Board meeting on 27 August 2009 to be circulated to members.

IN PRIVATE

24. REGIONAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on progress with the actions contained in the Regional Protective Services Improvement Plan.

RESOLVED

That Members noted the report.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 13.00.

CHAIR