



## MINUTES

### YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

18 MARCH 2010

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Clive Palmerley	<b>Alternates</b>
Alene Branton MBE (Vice Chair)	Charles Perryman (Chair)	Andrew Smith
Mark Burns-Williamson	Steven Rollinson	
Les Carter (Items 62 – 69)	David Rudd	
Mohammed Ismaiel		

#### OFFICERS PRESENT

Gill Bardsley	Richard Hobbs	Kevin Sharp
Sir Norman Bettison	Jeremy Holderness	James Taylor
Geoff Dodd	Michael Hunter	Mark Whyman
Keith Gilert	Frances Lysak	
Karen Grey	Erika Redfearn	

#### 62. APOLOGIES

Received from Jane Kenyon, Reg Littleboy, Keith Orrell, Ruth Potter, Fraser Sampson, Janet Spencer, Kashaf Walayat and Bill Wilkinson.

#### 63. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

#### 64. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2010

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

#### 65. MATTERS ARISING

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

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison provided further background about the circumstances leading to the decision to divide the pump-priming money available for the ACPO No. 2 Region based on the Police Funding Formula.

Mark Whyman announced that the draft Heads of Agreement for lead force arrangements would be circulated imminently and be ready for South Yorkshire Police Authority to consider in April. The Chair confirmed that it would be on the agenda for the next JPAC meeting and then would need approving by the other three police authorities.

Mark Whyman was asked when he thought JPAC could receive feedback about the effectiveness of the three new regional units. A report will be programmed for six months after the units have been established.

#### **66. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

#### **67. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on the selection and appointment of consultants to take forward the Regional Strategy for Efficiency and Productivity through Collaboration.

Mark Whyman introduced the report by assuring members that the procurement process had been very thorough. Deloitte had been appointed and were at the beginning of the data gathering phase. The Chair reminded members that the procurement process had been delegated to the Regional Working Group and that Deloitte had given a detailed presentation about their intended approach to attendees at the all-member session that morning.

The Chair then invited further questions to the representatives from Deloitte who were present. The issue of reporting back to JPAC was raised and it was noted that the next meeting was not scheduled until late May, when the project would be almost completed. Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison highlighted the additional opportunity for the four chairs to receive an update on the project and the emerging findings at the Regional Collaboration Board on 22 April 2010. It was agreed that a similar update would be provided to the May JPAC meeting.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That members noted the contents of the report and progress made to date.**

#### **ACTION**

**For an update on the work of the consultants to be provided at the next meeting.**

## **68. REGIONAL BUDGET UPDATE 2009/10**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which provided an update on the regional budget position as at 31 January 2010.

Geoff Dodd introduced the report by confirming that the projected underspend was still likely to be £600,000. He said it was still not possible to provide any firmer costs in respect of the three new units because negotiations were still underway about areas such as accommodation, IT, etc.

Geoff Dodd also reported on progress with the bid from the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) to cover the work that Deloitte was undertaking, but also assured members that there was enough to cover the costs from the money that each authority had earmarked for this purpose the previous year. Geoff said he felt the bid would be successful even though the RIEP had moved to a commissioning model since the bid was submitted. When the timescale for the decision was queried, Geoff said it could take up to six weeks more before the outcome would be known.

A question was asked about the timescale for reviewing the Regional Programme Team. Mark Whyman replied that he had some initial thoughts and expected to be able to provide a report to the next meeting.

Members highlighted the risk to the 2010/11 budget of not knowing the full cost implications of the new units and urged for clarity as soon as possible.

### **RESOLVED**

**That:**

- a. the budget position to 31 January 2010 was noted;**
- b. JPAC satisfied itself that the desired in-year efficiency savings were on target to be delivered; and**
- c. JPAC recognised the progress in meeting the requirement to achieve a regional serious and organised crime capability.**

### **ACTION**

**Report on the structure of and roles within the Regional Programme Team to be brought to the next meeting.**

## **69. REGIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which provided a strategic overview of performance, achievements and benefits from the Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) and Strategic Roads Policing (SRP) teams for the first twelve months of operation.

Mark Whyman and Gill Bardsley introduced the report highlighting examples where regional working was clearly demonstrating better outcomes than individual forces. Gill also referred to the appendix where the costs of independent delivery had been estimated to demonstrate the efficiency savings that regional working was delivering.

Members were pleased with the results and encouraged marketing of the successes. Mark Whyman said that good relationships were being developed with the regional press and that work was planned to make coverage more relevant to neighbourhoods.

A request was made for more detail to be included in future reports, specifically to show results for SOC and SRP separately. Mark Whyman explained that he hoped to establish Operational Performance Reviews for the regional teams and would welcome member involvement to enable access to the more detailed information.

Les Carter left the meeting at this point.

Discussion then turned to how the proceeds of assets seized were apportioned and it was felt that a clearer, more transparent method for doing this was needed. Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison advised that there were two broad categories, based on whether the regional team had seized assets in their own right or as part of support given to individual forces. It was agreed to take this matter away and report back to a future meeting.

Chief Inspector Michael Hunter then gave a short presentation about the work and performance of the Regional Roads Policing Team. At the end members commended the team on their achievements and asked that the same presentation be provided to individual authorities.

## **RESOLVED**

**That**

- a. Members agreed the rationale for the calculation of independent delivery to be used in the regional cost benefit analysis process; and**
- b. Members supported the new format for reporting performance and provided relevant feedback to the Business Change and Performance Manager.**

## **ACTION**

**To investigate a more transparent method for apportioning the proceeds of assets seized between forces and the regional teams.**

**The presentation from the Regional Roads Policing Team to be provided to each individual police authority.**

## **70. LOW CARBON ACCORD – PROGRESS REPORT**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on progress with the Low carbon Accord.

The regional asset management workstream was requested to submit reports to JPAC every six months on delivery progress.

### **RESOLVED**

**That:**

- a. The report was noted;**
- b. The regional Asset Management workstream and Energy and Sustainability focus group is to be the recognised mechanism for delivery of the Low Carbon Accord outcomes; and**
- c. The regional Asset Management workstream submits six-monthly reports to JPAC on delivery progress.**

## **71. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on the current position of the Regional Procurement Strategy.

Mark Whyman introduced the report and said that the Strategy had been approved by the Regional Collaboration Board. He also highlighted that further work would need to be undertaken to align it to the forthcoming ACPO National Strategy. He confirmed that there was no conflict with the national strategy. When questioned about ethical values Mark explained that it was an aim not to achieve cost savings by exploitation.

### **RESOLVED**

**That members noted the contents of the report.**

## **72. PROJECT UPDATES**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on the progress of collaborative activity and projects being undertaken by the region.

### **RESOLVED**

**That members noted the contents of the report.**

**73. INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER**

Members received a report of the Chief Executives which brought them up to date with the ongoing activity with LGYH.

Reference was made to a full LGYH meeting in February where there had been a debate about police accountability. Mark Burns-Williamson said that all the region's local authority chief executives had supported the police authority position and were formulating a letter to that effect for the Home Office.

**RESOLVED**

**That:**

- a. The report was noted; and**
- b. A further report was requested to be submitted in six months time on the activities of LGYH.**

**74. REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF POLICE AUTHORITIES (APA) BOARD AND POLICY NETWORKS**

Members were provided with a report of the Chief Executives which outlined the business discussed at the meeting of the Association of Police Authorities (APA) Board meeting held on 3 March 2010 and feedback from the four policy networks.

**RESOLVED**

**That members considered the feedback from the APA Board and Policy Networks.**

**75. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES' MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2010**

Members received the notes of the Chief Executives' meeting held on 7 January 2010.

**RESOLVED**

**That the notes were received.**

**76. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2009**

Members received the notes of the Regional Programme Board meeting held on 17 December 2009.

**RESOLVED**

**That the notes were received.**

**77. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION BOARD HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2010**

There were no additional items to raise.

**78. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Charles Perryman announced that this was Alene Branton's last meeting and paid tribute to her work on JPAC. He praised her drive, enthusiasm and tenacity and expressed sadness at losing one of the founder members of JPAC. Alene thanked everyone for their good wishes and said she had enjoyed being a police authority member and particularly being a member of JPAC.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

**CHAIR**