



## MINUTES

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

19 MARCH 2009

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Clive Palmerley	<b>Alternates</b>
Mark Burns-Williamson	Charles Perryman (Vice Chair)	Keith Orrell
Les Carter	Ruth Potter	Andrew Smith
Jane Kenyon (Chair)	Steven Rollinson	
Reg Littleboy	David Rudd	

#### OFFICERS PRESENT

Nigel Brook	Grahame Maxwell	Glenn Shelley
Janet Clitheroe	Erika Redfearn	Iain Spittal
Karen Grey	Fraser Sampson	Bill Wilkinson
Jeremy Holderness	Kevin Sharp	

#### 56. APOLOGIES

Received from Alene Branton, Mohammed Ismaiel, Janet Spencer and David Wainwright.

#### 57. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

#### 58. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2009

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

#### 59. MATTERS ARISING

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

**RESOLVED**

**That Members noted progress with the issues and actions.**

**60. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**61. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**

**That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 21 (Minute No. 76 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.**

**62. REGIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Members were provided with a set of Regional Financial Instructions to consider and approve.

Assistant Chief Officer Nigel Brook introduced the report and explained that West Yorkshire Police was the Finance and Procurement lead for regional working. He said that the instructions had been developed after extensive consultation with the Treasurers and Directors of Finance. Mr Brook highlighted paragraph 1.1.16 within the instructions which clarified what would happen if the underspend was over £300,000. He finished by saying the instructions were likely to evolve over time and that a formal annual review would be programmed.

Members asked whether all or just a majority of police authorities would need to approve underspends over £300,000 and it was confirmed that it would be all. Members asked for the paragraph 1.1.16 to be amended to clarify that: "Any carry forward in excess of £300,000 must be subject to approval by each of the four police authorities severally". A second amendment was requested on page 3 of the instructions to describe the operational structure more clearly.

**RESOLVED**

**That Members approved the Regional Financial Instructions, subject to amendments on page 3 and in paragraph 1.1.16.**

**63. CARRY FORWARD TO 2009/10 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Members were asked to approve a carry forward of £300,000 into the 2009/10 financial year. The covering report included a list of items that the money would fund for a one year period.

Assistant Chief Officer Nigel Brook introduced the report and explained that the proposed items had been identified during the course of the year.

As a result of questions, Chief Constable Mr Maxwell briefly outlined each of the funding streams and made it clear that business cases would be brought back to JPAC if it was found that the funding was needed for longer than twelve months.

Mark Burns-Williamson reminded the meeting that the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) could provide some analytical capacity and asked the Regional Programme Team to include this within the scope of projects.

## **RESOLVED**

**That Members approved the Carry Forward to 2009/10.**

## **ACTION**

**The Regional Programme Team to investigate how the NPIA can assist to increase the analytical capacity within the region.**

### **64. REGIONAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Members received a report which indicated the Regional Programme Team was on track to produce a Regional Protective Services Improvement Plan (PSIPs) for the Regional Programme Board in April, prior to it coming to JPAC in May.

Janet Clitheroe introduced the report and explained that a second strand of activity was to agree a common approach for force and regional PSIPs in the future. Janet added that this was expected to be complete by October 2009.

Chief Constable Mr Maxwell explained that whilst the force assessments may have scored certain protective services highly, it did not mean that interoperability was possible. He said that practitioners were coming together to work on this aspect and hoped that this would be resolved within the next twelve months.

Some members were concerned that they had not seen the PSIPs for their own forces and this may impact upon their ability to comment on the regional one. It was felt that the identification of a link member for this project would help to resolve these and other issues.

## **RESOLVED**

**That Members noted the report and appointed Mark Burns-Williamson as link member for the project.**

## **65. OLYMPICS UPDATE**

Chief Constable Mr Maxwell delivered a presentation which gave an overview of the arrangements for the Olympics and the work that was being undertaken to identify the impact on policing. He spoke about the likely impact of needing to provide mutual aid during the games on the level of policing locally and highlighted the action that could be taken to minimise this impact.

Members were particularly concerned about the potential impact on policing locally. They were informed that the Chair of the City of London Police Authority sat on the National Olympic Security Oversight Group (NOSOG) and that police authority-specific views could be channelled through him.

## **66. EMPLOYMENT FRAMEWORK**

Janet Clitheroe provided a verbal update to members on the further work in connection with the decision at the last meeting to adopt a lead force model. She outlined various legal and staffing issues that needed to be resolved.

### **RESOLVED**

**That South Yorkshire Police Authority consider their position and notify JPAC members whether they were still prepared to support South Yorkshire as the lead authority/force. In the event that they were not, the matter would need to come back to JPAC in the form of a written report.**

## **67. PROJECT UPDATES**

Members were provided with a report outlining progress to date with the projects and workstreams being overseen by the Regional Programme Team.

Members were also provided with reports from the link members for the Strategic Roads Policing and Serious and Organised Crime projects.

### **RESOLVED**

**That Members noted the reports.**

## **68. POLICING AND CRIME BILL – POLICE COLLABORATION**

Members received a report which provided an overview of the provisions for police collaboration within the Policing and Crime Bill.

Fraser Sampson introduced the report and drew members' attention to a recent GEM from the Association of Police Authorities (APA). He said that the APA had some concerns about the proposed provisions and had made a formal submission to the Home Office. Both the APA and the Association of Police Authority Chief Executives (APACE) had expressed a willingness to work with the Home Office on the Bill.

## **RESOLVED**

**That Members noted the provisions of the Policing and Crime Bill clauses relating to police collaboration and the implications for joint working.**

### **69. INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER**

Members received a report which brought them up to date with ongoing activity with Local Government Yorkshire and Humber (LGYH).

Fraser Sampson introduced the report and drew attention to the economic pledge and statement on community cohesion, both attached as appendices to the report.

## **RESOLVED**

**That Members:**

- (a) noted the report;**
- (b) agreed to support in principle the Economic Pledge and comply where it was possible to do so;**
- (c) considered the proposed regional statement on cohesion;**
- (d) considered the arrangements for possible participation in the international work of LGYH; and**
- (e) agreed to a further report to JPAC in three months time.**

## **ACTION**

**Effort to be made to co-ordinate diaries with LGYH for 2009/10 and beyond so that police authority members are able to attend meetings.**

### **70. APA BOARD AND POLICY NETWORKS**

Members were provided with a report which updated them on recent business of the APA Board and both the national and regional work of the four policy networks.

Mark Burns-Williamson expanded on a number of items included in the notes from the APA Board. He also spoke about forthcoming regional roadshows to publicise the work of the NPIA. He finished by encouraging authorities to make use of NPIA premises, as they could often be provided free of charge.

Feedback from authorities suggested that the policy networks appeared to be working well, although some were less advanced than others. It was noted that Alene Branton was now the deputy Chair of the national Citizen Focus and Partnerships Policy Network.

David Rudd left the meeting part way through this agenda item.

**RESOLVED**

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

**71. INTERNAL AUDIT PROVISION**

Members received a report which outlined the planned internal audit provision for 2009/10.

Fraser Sampson introduced the report and highlighted the 30 hours work planned to conduct regularity reviews of financial procedures within the Regional Programme Team.

**RESOLVED**

**That Members agreed the provisions made for audit coverage of the regional programme in the 2009/10 audit plans for West Yorkshire Police Authority.**

**72. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES' MEETINGS HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2008 AND 8 JANUARY 2009**

Members received the notes of the Chief Executives' meetings held on 20 November 2008 and 8 January 2009

**RESOLVED**

**That the notes were received.**

**73. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES' MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2009**

There was nothing extra to report.

**74. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2008**

Members received the notes of the Regional Programme Board meeting held on 19 December 2008.

**RESOLVED**

**That the notes were received.**

**75. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME BOARD HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2009**

There was nothing extra to report.

## **IN PRIVATE**

### **76. WORKFORCE MODERNISATION REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT**

Members received a report which provided them with the results of the Workforce Modernisation Review of the Regional Intelligence Unit.

Chief Constable Mr Maxwell said that the four Chief Constables had accepted the report and had agreed to act on its recommendations. He also advised that a business case would be provided to a future JPAC meeting to make the Regional Intelligence Unit permanent, particularly since the region had undertaken a ten-year lease for its accommodation.

Members requested a report to track progress with the recommendations in six-months time.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Members noted the review and the recommendations contained therein.**

#### **ACTION**

**A report to track progress with the recommendations to be scheduled in six-months time.**

### **77. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

#### **CHAIR**