



MINUTES

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

20 MARCH 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Clive Palmerley	Alternates
Alene Branton MBE	Charles Perryman	Ruth Potter
Chris Bywell	Clive Richardson	
Jane Kenyon (Chair)	Andrew Smith	

OFFICERS PRESENT

Eileen Bancroft	Janet Clitheroe	Jeremy Holderness
John Bates	Karen Grey	Alan Lees
Sir Norman Bettison	Judith Heeley	Mike Sanderson
Joanna Carter	Nigel Hiller	Claire Sykes

73. APOLOGIES

Received from Catherine Archer, Mark Burns-Williamson, Jim Fender, Mohammed Ismail, Ann Liston, Reg Littleboy, Steven Rollinson, Yvonne Uzzell, David Wainwright and Bill Wilkinson.

74. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

75. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2008

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

76. MATTERS ARISING

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

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison spoke about the progress with the individual force protective services implementation plans. He outlined the

timetable culminating in the sign-off of individual force plans by the end of the month. Sir Norman added that it had been clarified that protective services implementation plans just needed to be referred to in force's policing plans, rather than published as part of them. He finished by saying that the regional plan would be provided to the Joint Police Authorities Committee in May or June 2008.

Members had also been circulated a statement from Chief Constable Mr Hollis saying when Humberside Police would commit to phase two of the Strategic Roads Policing project. It was reported that Humberside Police Authority would be following up the matter with Mr Hollis at its next full Authority meeting and would notify the Joint Committee of a firm date at a future meeting.

77. CHAIR'S URGENT ITEMS

None

78. REGIONAL PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

Nigel Hiller, South Yorkshire Police's Director of Finance and Administration, introduced a report outlining progress to date with the Regional Procurement Strategy. Nigel began by referring to the draft National Procurement Strategy, which would be endorsed by the Home Office, ACPO and the APA. He gave an overview of the Strategy and then went on to explain the arrangements for procurement at a national, regional and local level. Nigel made a recommendation to wait until the National Strategy had been approved before producing the Regional Strategy.

Nigel then provided an overview of the work undertaken within the Region since December 2007. This included progress towards producing a procurement calendar, identification of where local policy was preventing the use of regional contracts and the production of standard documentation which would improve the chances of using the police brand as leverage.

Members were in agreement with the recommendation made by Nigel Hiller. It was also agreed that the Chief Executives would decide how to move things forward. A further report would be provided to the Joint Committee in six months.

RESOLVED

That

(a) JPAC confirmed that it was committed to standardising terms and conditions relating to procurement and standing orders relating to contracts;

(b) JPAC noted the continued progress being made and the intention to report further in six-months time;

(c) JPAC endorsed the production of a regional procurement strategy after the formal adoption of the new National Procurement Strategy.

79. GATEWAY REVIEW ACTION PLAN/REGIONAL PROGRAMME FUNDING

Members received two reports related to the recent Gateway Review of joint regional working. The first described progress to date against the recommendations coming out of the review. The second report sought formal agreement on a funding formula, to permit the benefits derived from collaborative working to be pursued with more vigour, confidence and certainty than was the case to date.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison drew members' attention to the recommendations that had been graded as red by the review team. He asked them to note that two had since been re-graded following recent budgetary decisions.

Members commented on the questionnaire that had been circulated by Chief Constable Mr Hollis, seeking views on the effectiveness of governance of the programme. It was felt that the review ought to be a bit more fundamental and ambitious.

RESOLVED

That members

(a) noted the contents of the report and action plan; and

(b) approved the funding formula

80. ALIGNING INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES ACROSS THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGION

Members received a report which outlined opportunities for aligning information systems and technology services provision across the region in the future.

Joanna Carter introduced the report, explaining that the four Assistant Chief Officers felt there were real opportunities to be gained from this work and that it needed to be ambitious. Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison added that the four Chiefs felt the same way.

Nigel Hiller explained that this would need to be a long-term project with goals to be achieved within a five to ten year timeframe. He hoped by then there could be a common infrastructure and desktop. Nigel added that there were some quick wins too, saying that soon everyone would have access to all e-mail addresses in the region.

Sir Norman said that the two fundamental requirements were to produce a calendar showing replacement and renewal activity and a route map for future work.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report.

81. MOBILE DATA BID FOR FUNDING FROM THE NPIA

Members received a report about the production and submission of a bid to the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) for funding from a Home Office capital fund to expand the deployment of mobile data technology across the police service.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison explained that the bid had been submitted following the announcement by the Home Office that money was available. In total the bid was for just over £7m, which was 14% of the total fund. The Home Office had indicated that it would welcome a regional bid and had made it known that it viewed the bid favourably.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report.

82. REGIONAL TEAM UPDATE

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison gave a verbal update, saying that the team was undertaking programme management, project assurance, developing strategies and supporting project managers. The team was also putting systems and processes in place to report to the Regional Chief Constables Group, Joint Police Authorities Committee and other bodies as required.

83. PROJECT HIGHLIGHT REPORTS

Members were provided with short progress reports in respect of five projects: Serious and Organised Crime, Strategic Roads Policing, Workforce Modernisation, Custody Processes and Fast Time Tasking, Co-ordinating and Resourcing Arrangements.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison confirmed that the Superintendent and Inspector recruited to undertake the Fast Time project were now in post.

RESOLVED

That members noted the reports.

84. DEMONSTRATOR SITE EVALUATIONS

Members received a report which explained how the evaluation of the demonstrator site projects would be carried out.

Janet Clitheroe introduced the report, saying that the two projects which would be evaluated were the Fast Time project and employment framework. The evaluation would concentrate on how the projects were formed rather than on their delivery. Janet added that the evaluation would be conducted via a survey and field visits. She finished by asking for link members to be appointed to the two projects.

It was agreed that Bill Baugh would be the link member for the employment framework project and another would be sought by the Chief Executives.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report.

ACTION

That the Chief Executives seek a link member for the Fast Time project.

85. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETINGS HELD ON 4 JANUARY, 22 JANUARY AND 29 FEBRUARY 2008

Members received notes from three meetings of the Regional Chief Constables Group which took place on 4 January 2008, 22 January 2008 and 29 February 2008.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

86. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2008

Members received the notes from the meeting of the Chief Executives which took place on 31 January 2008.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

87. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR