



MINUTES

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

20 MAY 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh
Les Carter (Items 86 to end)
Reg Littleboy
Keith Orrell

Clive Palmerley
Charles Perryman (Chair)
Steven Rollinson
David Rudd

Alternates
Andrew Smith
Janet Spencer

OFFICERS PRESENT

Sally Collins
Geoff Dodd
Sarah Drafz
Karen Grey
Heather Hancock

Richard Hobbs
Jeremy Holderness
Tim Hollis
Erika Redfearn
Fraser Sampson

Kevin Sharp
Claire Sykes
Mark Whyman
Bill Wilkinson

79. APOLOGIES

Received from Mark Burns-Williamson, Mohammed Ismaiel, Jane Kenyon, Ruth Potter and Kashaf Walayat.

80. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

81. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 MARCH 2010

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

82. MATTERS ARISING

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

Mark Whyman was asked if he would be in a position to come back to the next meeting with proposals for the structure and roles of the Regional Programme

Team. He replied that he was confident of bringing an outline proposal but further detail would require more work and time.

It was also confirmed that the report about a more transparent method for apportioning the proceeds of assets seized between forces and the regional teams would come to the next meeting.

83. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair explained that there was no report from the Association of Police Authorities (APA) Board but could provide a verbal report from the last APA Council meeting. He said that the main items of discussion were the prospect of directly elected commissioners, funding for the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and approval of the guidance to help police authorities prepare for inspection.

Chief Constable Mr Hollis spoke about his recent meeting with the Home Secretary and Policing Minister, saying that they had made it clear that direct elections was not up for debate, although the form and timescales were. The Chair said he hoped that, by negotiating the detail, the APA could help the Government understand that the proposals were unworkable.

84. REGIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Whyman provided an update on progress with the Regional Crime Unit, the success of the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) bid and the forthcoming national collaboration conference being arranged by the region.

85. APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ASSOCIATION OF POLICE AUTHORITIES BOARD

Members received a report of the Chief Constables, seeking to appoint a new regional representative on the APA Board.

Fraser Sampson introduced the report saying that the vacancy had occurred because Alene Branton was no longer a member of Humberside Police Authority. He added that this was likely to be a significant role for the new representative, given what was happening nationally.

Jane Kenyon was proposed by Charles Perryman and seconded by Bill Baugh. There were no other nominations so Jane was declared appointed.

RESOLVED

That Jane Kenyon was appointed as the regional representative on the Association of Police Authorities Board.

86. UPDATE ON CONSULTANTS ACTIVITIES

Richard Hobbs and Heather Hancock from Deloitte attended the meeting to present the findings and recommendations of their work in the region. The presentation began by outlining the principles adopted by the consultants. Then followed proposals for both operational and back office activities, a recommended organisational structure, potential cashable savings, a recommended governance structure and suggested next steps.

Les Carter joined the meeting part way through the presentation.

The Chair thanked Richard and Heather for the presentation and commended them on how Deloitte had worked with everyone involved.

The questions that followed sought further detail about the proposals, such as how the savings were estimated and how they would be made, the level of detailed information to aid further analysis and costs of implementing the recommendations. Richard Hobbs provided further information to illustrate the recommendations but advised that the final report would contain this level of detail.

Fraser Sampson summarised the presentation by saying that the review could be likened to an audit and that it had identified areas of inefficiency and opportunities for improvement. He advised that it was now important to ask what was the right thing to do for communities in the region. Jeremy Holderness added that the consultants had been asked to assess the credibility of the Regional Strategy that JPAC and the four police authorities had approved. He believed that the Strategy had been assessed as being credible, a good way forward and with likely savings of £100m. He encouraged members to take this back to their authorities and work to gain the approval of the other members.

Chief Constable Mr Hollis said the four chief constables had welcomed the report but had identified external risks of funding, politics and people. He also made some observations about the organisational structure, saying that an additional layer of municipal policing was needed to reflect the amount of activity done in partnership.

The Chair wound up the discussion by saying that the Regional Working Group would look at the report in the next week and that members would see it at the next all-member event.

87. REGIONAL BUDGET UPDATE 2009/10

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on the budget position as at 31 March 2010.

Geoff Dodd introduced the report by drawing attention to the overall budget sum of £5.828m, which included provision for an expanded Regional Roads Policing Team. He commented that the RIEP bid had been successful. Finally,

he highlighted the second recommendation requesting approval to use £20,000 from the underspend to support the members' development programme.

It was pointed out that Sue Martin's report on member development had estimated a total cost of £60,000. In response Fraser Sampson said that this included money to fund a regional post, but the Chief Executive's felt that this should not be pursued at this time.

RESOLVED

That

- a. the budget position at 31 March 2010 was noted; and**
- b. JPAC approved the request to support the Member Development Programme to the sum of £20,000.**

88. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECASTS AND STRATEGY FOR REGIONAL SERVICES

Members received a report of the Chief Executives which considered the current medium term financial forecasts in the context of future police funding levels and the development of the JPAC regional policing strategy.

Bill Wilkinson introduced the report saying it served two purposes. The first was to provide a broad indication of what would be needed in the next few years and to provide a baseline on which the Deloitte detail would be added.

He reminded members that 2011/12 would need to include the full year effects of growth in 2010/11. He expressed doubt about the continuation of some Home Office grants and said that an extra £7.7m would need to be found if there were no further changes.

The Chair drew attention to the tight timescales specified within the report necessary to ensure the individual police authorities could make provision in their own budgets.

RESOLVED

That the Region develops a Medium Term Financial Plan that recognises the financial implications of current and existing regional work. The Plan should also explicitly take account of the entire regional programme as it develops, demonstrating any proposed costs or anticipated efficiencies.

89. HEADS OF AGREEMENT

Members received a report of the Chair including the Heads of Agreement, providing indemnities for South Yorkshire Police Authority in establishing lead force employment arrangements for regional teams.

Fraser Sampson introduced the report by highlighting the robustness of the finished document, as evidenced by the number of iterations it had gone through. He explained that the next step was to replace it with a document to reflect the recently introduced legislation for collaborative agreements.

Mark Whyman added that he had been assured it was possible to sign the document in its current form because it had been in the last stages of development when the legislation came into force.

The Chair pointed out that South Yorkshire Police Authority had approved the document and it now needed the other three to endorse it.

RESOLVED

That JPAC noted that South Yorkshire Police Authority had signed off the Heads of Agreement and the urgency with which the other three police authorities needed to sign it off.

90. 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.

In response to a question, members were assured that the four individual plans added up to the Regional Protective Services Implementation Plan.

RESOLVED

That members noted the contents of the report.

91. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES' MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2010

Members received the notes of the Chief Executives' meeting held on 25 March 2010.

It was reported that the first meeting of the performance monitoring group was to be held in the next week

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

92. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2010

Members received the notes of the Regional Programme Board meeting held on 25 February 2010.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

93. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION BOARD HELD ON 22 APRIL 2010

There were no additional items to raise.

94. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

CHAIR