



MINUTES

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

20 DECEMBER 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alene Branton MBE	Clive Palmerley	Alternates
Mark Burns-Williamson (Chair)	Charles Perryman	None
Mohammed Ismail	Clive Richardson	
Jane Kenyon	Andrew Smith	

OFFICERS PRESENT

Catherine Archer	Janet Clitheroe	Shahin Ismail
Eileen Bancroft	Sally Collins	Mark Reeves
John Bates	Karen Grey	Claire Sykes
Gill Bardsley	Judith Heeley	Ian Ventress
Roland Burnett	Jeremy Holderness	Bill Wilkinson
Joanna Carter	Meredydd Hughes	

44. APOLOGIES

Received from Bill Baugh, Jim Fender, Ann Liston, Ruth Potter, Steven Rollinson and Yvonne Uzzell.

45. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

46. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2007

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

47. MATTERS ARISING

Catherine announced that a JPAC meeting would take place at the end of the all-member event on 17 January 2008, at approximately 3.30pm.

John Bates informed members that the second meeting of authority complaints officers had recently taken place.

48. CHAIR'S URGENT ITEMS

None

49. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item No. 17 (Minute No. 60 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.

50. OGC REVIEW

Members received a report of the Chief Constables, which included a summary of findings from a Gateway review of the joint working arrangements conducted by a team from the Office of Government and Commerce (OGC).

The Regional Chief Constables Group had asked the review to be conducted to help them assess the progress made to date in joint working and to make recommendations for improvement. Interviews were conducted with a range of internal and external stakeholders, including the Chair and other members of JPAC. Whilst the report found much to commend there were eleven recommendations made, with four graded as red and requiring immediate action.

Chief Constable Mr Hughes introduced the report, saying that the review had identified a need for tighter leadership and greater momentum. The four Chief Constables were keen to implement the recommendations.

Members made it clear that the four Chairs needed to be involved in preparation of the action plan. It was also felt that both the timescales for implementation and the actions themselves needed to be clearly stated.

Discussion then turned to whether the benefits of joint working had been articulated clearly to both JPAC and the other members in the four police authorities. Chief Constable Mr Hughes agreed to speak with his counterparts to ensure that the presentation of the response to the OGC review at the all-member event would include a clear statement of the benefits of joint working from both regional and local perspectives.

It was felt that the Chairs and Chiefs needed to get together between JPAC meetings to maintain the momentum and communicate expectations.

RESOLVED

That the Regional Chief Constables Group be asked to develop and bring forward an action plan in response to the recommendations contained in the report of the OGC Gateway review.

ACTION

That the benefits of joint working be articulated by the Chief Constables at the all-member event at both a regional and local level.

51. COSTING OF THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which set out the level of investment from May 2006 to December 2007 in the Regional Programme and associated projects. Alongside was a breakdown of the anticipated investment required to fund the Programme from 1 April 2008. The figures were gross costs based on part year effect for delivery in 2008/09 only. A three-year financial forecast was being drawn up in conjunction with the four Assistant Chief Officers and four Police Authority Treasurers. In addition to the costs of the Regional Programme Team, the figures included phases 1 and 2 of the Strategic Roads Policing Project, the Serious and Organised Crime Project and 25% of the Demonstration Site funding.

Chief Constable Mr Hughes said the figures had been amended following the recent announcements of Government funding. He handed over to Mark Reeves, Management Accountant for the Regional Programme Team, who explained that the figures represented year one of a three-year financial forecast.

Joanna Carter provided further clarification that the figures shown were part-year of about a third of the full year costs. Subsequent years would show full year costs. She also suggested that the projects yet to be endorsed by JPAC ought to be highlighted.

It was confirmed that the costs of the custody project had not been included because it was too early to forecast them.

During discussion, it was emphasised that the important decision was not about the allocation of funds to individual projects but the overall scale of commitment to joint working. Members agreed that further discussion was needed back in the individual police authorities with their Chief Constables prior to budget setting.

RESOLVED

That JPAC considered the proposal in paragraph 13 of the covering report as the best way forward to fund the Regional Programme for 2008/09.

52. PROCUREMENT WITHIN YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which provided an overview of procurement within Yorkshire and Humberside.

Procurement within the former ACPO North East Region conforms to the National Procurement Strategy agreed by ACPO and supported by the Association of Police Authorities and the Home Office. The Strategy includes a four-tier approach to acquiring goods and services, covering national, regional and local contracts together with other national framework contracts. Included in the report was a list of goods purchased for the region as a result of the Strategy.

Chief Constable Mr Hughes introduced the report, saying that many people felt that procurement was an opportunity to generate considerable savings for the region. He said that the report clearly showed that many of the savings had already been made and there was not much room to generate more.

Mr Hughes suggested that it would be more appropriate to examine the choices made by forces and authorities that related more to policies and outcomes. He said that procurement staff and the Directors of Finance were beginning to look at the opportunities that could come from this approach.

Members agreed with the suggestion but felt that a Joint Strategy was required. They asked for a Strategy to be provided to JPAC for endorsement within six months, with a progress update in three months time. It was also asked that the information provided would highlight where the differences were at present. Discussion between the Chiefs and their individual police authorities was also felt to be an important part of the Strategy formulation.

RESOLVED

That members noted the contents of the report.

53. UPDATE ON REGIONAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES ASSESSMENT

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which provided an update on the work undertaken to date on assessments within the region against the ACPO Standards on Protective Services. An updated timeline was appended to the report. The report showed that the individual force results together with the regional overview were still on schedule to be presented to the RCCG meeting in January.

Chief Constable Mr Hughes said that the work had highlighted that the projects selected for joint working were the right ones to be tackling first. The results would be presented at the all-member event.

Catherine Archer handed out an extract from the draft Policing Plan guidance to police authorities, which outlined expectations about what needed to be

included in relation to collaboration and improvement plans for protective services. She said that relevant officers from the four police authorities would be liaising to ensure some consistency in what was included in the four plans.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report and the information at Appendix A, and considered the implications of the ongoing work, its completion date and the implications for the planning cycle.

54. PROJECT HIGHLIGHT REPORTS

Members received highlight reports from the Serious and Organised Crime project, the Strategic Roads Policing project and the Custody project. The reports showed that all projects were on track.

RESOLVED

That members noted the highlight reports.

55. DEMONSTRATOR BID – FAST TIME TASKING, CO-ORDINATING AND RESOURCING ARRANGEMENTS

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which informed them of the recently announced successful demonstration site bid. The work planned would involve production of collaboration protocols, policies and structures to facilitate the desired fast time tasking co-ordinating and resourcing arrangements for all aspects of the seven protective services. Once implemented, the arrangements would enable the four forces to respond quickly and appropriately to any protective service related occurrence.

Chief Constable Mr Hughes said that funding had been secured for 75% of the staffing costs. Adverts were out for the two posts at present.

RESOLVED

That members noted the content of the report and the attached Demonstration Site bid document.

56. JOINT REGIONAL PROGRAMME TEAM DIRECTOR

Chief Constable Mr Hughes advised members that the role profile and job advertisement were being prepared in readiness for the recruitment process. He said he was grateful that Janet Clitheroe was prepared to continue in the role and overlap with the new incumbent.

57. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2007

Members received notes from the meeting of the Regional Chief Constables Group which took place on 1 November.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

58. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2007

Chief Constable Mr Hughes advised members that the RCCG had discussed the OGC review at the December meeting, agreeing with the recommendations and indicating a commitment to implement them. The funding of the Regional Programme had also been discussed, to ensure that the bids brought to JPAC were of the correct scale. Strategic Roads Policing had received a lot of attention, with some re-phasing of the component parts of the project.

Mr Hughes said the next meeting in January was to prepare for the all-member event.

59. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2007

Members received the notes from the meeting of the Chief Executives which took place on 15 November 2007.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

IN PRIVATE

60. GOVERNANCE OF COUNTER TERRORISM

Members were updated on progress in relation to the governance of Counter Terrorism.

IN PUBLIC

61. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR