



MINUTES

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

21 MAY 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alene Branton MBE	Reg Littleboy	Alternates
Mark Burns-Williamson (Chair)	Charles Perryman	Ruth Potter
Ann Liston	Andrew Smith	Steven Rollinson

OFFICERS PRESENT

Catherine Archer	Sally Collins	Alan Lees
Eileen Bancroft	Karen Grey	Samantha Manning
Gill Bardsley	Jeremy Holderness	Kevin Morton
Sir Norman Bettison	Mick Hunter	Erika Redfearn
Janet Clitheroe	Neil Kingston	Paul Wainwright

88. APOLOGIES

Received from Bill Baugh, Mohammed Ismail, Jane Kenyon, Clive Palmerley, Yvonne Uzzell, David Wainwright, John Bates, Joanna Carter, Judith Heeley and Bill Wilkinson.

89. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

90. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 MARCH 2008

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

91. MATTERS ARISING

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

92. CHAIR'S URGENT ITEMS

None

93. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 12, 20 and 21 (Minute Nos. 106, 107 and 108 refer) on the grounds that they are 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.

94. REGIONAL MOBILISATION PROJECT (PROTECTIVE SERVICES)

Members were provided with a report of the Chief Constables which asked for endorsement of the project brief for the Regional Mobilisation project.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison explained that the project brief showed how the process would be used as a means to standardise policies, processes and practices. Members were also reminded that the project had demonstrator site status. The project team had just been appointed and it was anticipated there would be 6 months of research, followed by 6 months implementation.

Members sought clarification about some of the statements within the project brief and whether the slippage referred to in the covering report would have any impact on the funding. It was reported that there had been no response to date from the Home Office in relation to the slippage but no issues were anticipated.

A request was made to submit a regional response to a request from the Association of Police Authorities (APA) for information in respect of the 2012 Olympics. It was agreed to aggregate the four force responses to form a regional response.

RESOLVED

That JPAC noted and approved the contents of the project brief.

ACTION

A regional response be submitted to the APA about the 2012 Olympics.

95. EMPLOYMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT

Members were provided with a report of the Chief Constables which asked for approval of the project initiation document in respect of the Employment Framework project. The covering report explained that the project had been

part of a demonstrator bid to the Home Office which also included the creation of the Special Operations Unit. However, it had been felt that a single project would be unwieldy and difficult to manage and a decision was made to separate the project into the two distinct elements.

Members expressed some concern about the bureaucracy apparent from the project initiation document and felt that there was an opportunity to simplify the project.

It was felt that the decision about various options referred to in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the project initiation document should be informed by JPAC. Discussion then took place about the proposed creation of an Executive Board, comprising the Chiefs and Chairs which would replace the Regional Chief Constable's Group. It was felt that this Executive Board would be able to make joint decisions such as this one. A view was expressed that link members may also be able to play a greater part.

RESOLVED

That members noted and approved the project initiation document.

96. FORENSIC SCIENCE SERVICE

Detective Superintendent Kevin Morton from South Yorkshire Police attended the Committee to provide an overview of the National Forensic Procurement Framework and the North East Forces Forensic Services Service Level Agreement Proposal.

Mr Morton explained that the North East Region had reached an agreement with the Forensic Science Service (FSS) where, in return for committing 95% of the region's business, there had been a saving of almost £7m over the list price in the last three years. He added there was currently an option to extend the Service Level Agreement for a further two years, with a lower inflationary increase than had been agreed by the National Forensic Procurement Framework. Part of the contract included an agreement for FSS to track market prices and adjust the amount charged to the region so that it would always obtain the lowest prices.

In response to a question Mr Morton confirmed that the Service Level Agreement would tie FSS into meeting the demand and timescales set by the region.

97. REVIEW OF JPAC TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members received a report of the Chief Executives which advised members of a review of the terms of reference in the light of the APA review and the OGC Gateway Review recommendations.

Catherine Archer introduced the report by referring to the OGC Gateway Review recommendation to review the effectiveness of the governance

arrangements and the extent of engagement with Chief Constables. She referred to the previous discussion about the Executive Board and added that the arrangements for this would need to ensure the role of JPAC and its links to the individual police authorities was preserved.

Catherine also referred to the APA review and the need for arrangements and structures within the region to mirror what had been agreed nationally. A mechanism for agreeing the regional representatives also needed to be developed and approved. Catherine explained that the Chief Executives had put together some proposals that were intended to be shared with the Chairs before coming to all members for consultation. Further discussion would take place at the all-member event with JPAC approving changes to its terms of reference at the meeting to be held immediately afterwards.

RESOLVED

That members noted the intention to review the JPAC terms of reference.

98. DECISION TO DISCONTINUE THE WORKFORCE MODERNISATION DEMONSTRATION SITE

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on the decision to discontinue the Workforce Modernisation Demonstration Site. The paper referred to a number of factors which had led to a decision being made that there was insufficient benefit to be gained from participating fully. This included changed timescales for projects, difficulties meeting the evaluation deadlines and potential recruitment problems.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison explained that the National Programme Team had expressed disappointment at the decision but was presently considering if the region could remain as an associate member of the Programme.

Members were interested in how the application of business transformation principles to implementation of existing projects would be apparent. It was explained that this would be achieved through process mapping and providing a business benefits profile.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report and endorsed the decision of the RCGG.

99. RECRUITMENT INTO REGIONAL TEAMS

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which outlined the current and planned recruitment into regional teams. An appendix to the report highlighted those people in post, where recruitment was in progress and further posts planned.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison introduced the report saying that there were now a significant number of people working for the region.

Discussion explored the need for a performance framework to measure productivity on a regional basis and the need to involve police authority treasurers much sooner in the planning processes. Given the scale of joint working and the importance of having sound governance structures, it was crucial that JPAC had an independent and expert view of how resources were being applied and to what effect. It was also confirmed that a business case was still to be provided for the Joint Regional Programme Team.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report.

ACTION

Chief Executives to consider amending the JPAC terms of reference to ensure the necessary specialist advice was available.

100. STRATEGIC ROADS POLICING UPDATE

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them on the latest position with the implementation of the Strategic Roads Policing project.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison explained that phases 1 and 2 were in implementation. He introduced Chief Inspector Mick Hunter who gave an overview of progress to date.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report.

101. PROJECT UPDATE REPORTS

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which described progress to date with two projects, Custody and Serious and Organised Crime.

RESOLVED

That members noted the update reports.

102. UPDATE FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER (LGYH)

Catherine Archer explained that LGYH had now invited each Police Authority to take up membership. The Chief Executives felt that there could be significant benefits from membership and were recommending that the Chairs accepted the invitation.

103. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETINGS HELD ON 27 MARCH AND 22 APRIL 2008

Members received notes from two meetings of the Regional Chief Constables Group which took place on 27 March and 22 April 2008.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

104. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2008

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison said there was nothing additional to be communicated.

105. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES MEETINGS HELD ON 5 MARCH AND 17 APRIL 2008

Members received the notes from two meetings of the Chief Executives which took place on 5 March and 17 April 2008.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

IN PRIVATE

106. MOBILE DATA BID

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which updated them of the outcome of the bid to the National Policing Improvement Agency for funding from a Home Office capital fund to expand the deployment of mobile data technology across the service.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report.

107. SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which asked them to endorse the business case for the Special Operations Unit.

RESOLVED

That members endorsed the business case.

108. REGIONAL ACCOMMODATION

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which informed them of the intention to relocate and co-locate the Regional Intelligence Unit and Regional Asset Recovery Team.

Sir Norman Bettison updated members of the situation with respect to the post of Regional Programme Director.

RESOLVED

That members noted the report.

IN PUBLIC

109. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR