



## MINUTES

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

27 OCTOBER 2006

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Jane Kenyon (Vice-Chair)	<b>Alternates</b>
Alene Branton MBE	Charles Perryman	Rosie Brown
Mark Burns-Williamson (Chair)	Clive Richardson	Tony Hargreaves
Jim Fender	Graham Stroud	Clive Palmerley
Jan Fiore	Bob Tress	Steven Rollinson
Alan Hartley		

#### OFFICERS PRESENT

Catherine Archer	Meredydd Hughes	John Sampson
John Bates	Tim Hollis	Mike Sanderson
Della Cannings	David Hunter	Claire Sykes
Karen Grey	Steve Read	

#### 11. APOLOGIES

Received from Ann Liston, Julia Hodson, Bill Wilkinson, Janet Clitheroe, Andrew Ford and Jeremy Holderness.

#### 12. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2006

These were agreed as a correct record.

#### 13. MATTERS ARISING

The Executive Director reported that she had written to ACC John Crosse, and that he had agreed to attend meetings from November to update the Committee on progress with strengthening counter terrorism across the ACPO North East region. The Executive Director also confirmed that contact with the Regional Chief Constables Group had been re-established and that chairs and clerks had been invited to all face-to-face meetings.

**14. MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP (RCCG)  
HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2006**

A question was asked about the request made to include major crime in the Serious and Organised Crime project (SOC). Chief Constable Ms Cannings explained that the project was currently being scoped and that the RCCG did not want it to be over-ambitious.

**15. CHAIR'S URGENT ITEMS**

None.

**16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None.

**17. JOINT REGIONAL PROGRAMME TEAM FUNDING**

Chief Constable Ms Cannings introduced a paper which provided a business case and rationale for a Joint Regional Programme Team, consisting of a Director and personal assistant. A role profile for the Director was attached as an appendix. Ms Cannings said that the four Chief Constables thought it important for someone to act as a pivot and to maximise opportunities for the Chiefs. The role of the team would involve liaising locally, regionally and nationally with partners and stakeholders, advising the RCCG and leading joint initiatives on their behalf.

Ms Cannings explained that the four Chief Constables proposed to fund these posts through the use of delegated budgets. Equal apportionment of costs was felt to be the preferred method, given that the post-holder would be supporting all four forces equally.

During the discussion Members were in agreement that the funding should be apportioned equally, and that this decision would not set a precedent for future funding decisions.

Attention then turned to paragraph 5 of the covering report, where the Chief Constables had indicated their support for the present post-holder to continue in the role. A number of comments were made that the appointment of the Director needed to be made with a mind to equal opportunities and human resources best practice. Chief Constable Ms Cannings explained that, since West Yorkshire Police was going to be acting as the employer because a lead force model was to be applied, then it was a matter to raise with the West Yorkshire Acting Chief Constable. Ms Cannings added that the other Chiefs were happy to be involved and Members indicated their support for police authority involvement in the selection process.

**RESOLVED**

**(a) That the contents of the attached appendices be noted.**

**(b) That the Committee supports the Chief Constables in the use of delegated budgets.**

**(c) That the preferred method for apportioning costs in this instance was equal apportionment.**

#### **ACTION**

**West Yorkshire Police to undertake the necessary recruitment and selection to the posts.**

### **18. STRATEGIC ROADS POLICING (SRP) PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which introduced the SRP project initiation document, attached as an appendix, which had received interim approval from the RCCG on 10 October 2006. Chief Constable Ms Cannings explained that a Section 23 agreement would only be needed if a regional roads policing unit was set up as a result of this project. Ms Cannings referred members to the project vision and exclusions and added that the project was based on using existing resources but targeted in different ways. Ms Cannings also explained that the project was a strategic review of roads policing and would include arterial roads and 'rat runs' within its scope.

Members referred to the milestone plan in section 6.1 and Ms Cannings confirmed that an update to the project could be provided to the Joint Committee around February 2007, once options for change had been identified.

It was asked whether link members could be identified to help the Joint Committee get a better understanding of the projects in between meetings. Ms Cannings said she would discuss this request with the other Chief Constables and report back.

#### **RESOLVED**

**(a) That Members considered and made comments on the project initiation document.**

**(b) That the approach of the Chief Constables was endorsed.**

#### **ACTION**

**Chief Constable Ms Cannings to discuss the creation of link members into the SRP project with the other Chief Constables and report back.**

### **19. SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME (SOC) PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which introduced the SOC project initiation document, attached as an appendix, which had received interim approval from the RCCG on 10 October 2006. Chief Constable Ms

Cannings referred members to the project objectives in section 3.1.1. and the intended benefits in section 7.8, saying that this project was a scoping exercise intended to identify gaps in the present capacity and capability of the region to address this protective service.

Ms Cannings informed members that an interim report was anticipated in early 2007, defining the shape and scale of what needs to be done. When these timescales were queried, Acting Deputy Chief Constable Mr Sampson said that the functions and operations included within the scope of the project were well understood and he felt confident that an overview of work required and quick wins could be identified by that date. Acting DCC Mr Sampson then provided some examples of covert operations that would be included within the scope of the project.

Members asked about the links to work outside Yorkshire and Humberside. Mr Sampson said there were links into the regional intelligence units working on level 2 crime. He also confirmed that police authorities would be consulted, along with trade unions and staff associations.

Members also repeated the request for a link member to be identified for this project. Ms Cannings said that this would also be discussed with the other Chief Constables.

## **RESOLVED**

**(a) That Members considered and made comments on the project initiation document.**

**(b) That the approach of the Chief Constables was endorsed.**

## **ACTION**

**Chief Constable Ms Cannings to discuss the creation of link members into the SOC project with the other Chief Constables and report back.**

## **20. SECTION 23 AGREEMENT**

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which presented a draft Section 23 agreement, approved by the RCCG on 10 October 2006. Chief Constable Ms Cannings explained that its purpose was to ensure proper governance when Section 23 was invoked. The agreement had been written to cover those areas where agreement was reached between the RCCG and Joint Committee on policing matters that could be better delivered through joint regional working.

Members requested that Chief Constables also provided updates on Section 23 agreements to their individual police authorities. Issues raised during the discussion included the possibility of these agreements inhibiting joint working with other forces, the possibility that agreements might not be needed between all four forces, and the preference for the Joint Committee to use the term 'joint working' when communicating with the public.

Members also queried the process for obtaining endorsement by individual police authorities. The Executive Director explained that agreement of the schedules for each specific area of joint working, which would be appended to the main legal agreement, was within the delegated powers of the Joint Committee. She reminded members that they would require unanimous support.

## **RESOLVED**

**That Members considered and endorsed the attached Section 23, Police Act 1996 Legal Agreement.**

## **21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **CHAIR**