



MINUTES

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE (JPAC)

15 NOVEMBER 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Ann Liston	Alternates
Alene Branton MBE	Reg Littleboy	Ruth Potter
Mark Burns-Williamson (Chair)	Charles Perryman	Steven Rollinson
Jim Fender	Clive Richardson	
Mohammed Ismail	Andrew Smith	

OFFICERS PRESENT

Javaid Akhtar	Janet Clitheroe	Alan Lees
Catherine Archer	Sally Collins	Mike Sanderson
Eileen Bancroft	Karen Grey	Claire Sykes
John Bates	Judith Heeley	Mark Walton
Sir Norman Bettison	Jeremy Holderness	
Chris Chelton	Shahin Ismail	

26. APOLOGIES

Received from Jane Kenyon, Clive Palmerley, Yvonne Uzzell and Bill Wilkinson.

27. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

28. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2007

Andrew Smith pointed out that his name was in both the members present and in the apologies sections, and confirmed that he had been present at the meeting. Other than this the minutes were agreed as a correct record.

29. MATTERS ARISING

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

Catherine announced that the all member event scheduled for 17 January 2008 would be held at the Forest Pines Hotel, near Scunthorpe.

30. CHAIR'S URGENT ITEMS

None

31. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 15, 16 and 17 (Minute Nos. 40, 41 and 42 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.

32. OPERATION MAXIMUM IMPACT ON CRIME

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which described the regional initiative to support PSA1 performance that was launched on 6 August 2007 and ran for eight weeks. £250,000 had been secured from Government Office Yorkshire and Humber (GOYH) to support the initiative.

The outcomes from the campaign were listed in the report, which included a 14% reduction in BCS Comparator Crime compared to the same period in 2006. The report also described the media campaign and direct marketing to wanted persons. Operational and Strategic learning had been captured during the operation and this was shared in the report. Evaluation of the operation was to be conducted jointly by South Yorkshire Police and GOYH in the near future.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison introduced the paper by saying it was evidence that outstanding results could be achieved by working jointly. He explained that the £250,000 was pump priming money and not the total cost of the operation. The Chief Constables were considering commissioning a more objective evaluation of the operation from a university. He finished by saying that the benefits and learning from this operation would influence the Strategic Roads Policing project.

During the discussion a number of issues were raised that highlighted the downside of such operations on the capacity and capability of some forces. It was acknowledged that these issues would need to be overcome if sustained regional activity was to take place.

It was agreed that the evaluation results would be provided to the Joint Committee and the learning fed into the Strategic Roads Policing Project.

RESOLVED

That Members noted the contents of the paper.

33. UPDATE ON REGIONAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES ASSESSMENT

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which included an update and project timeline on the work undertaken to date on assessments within the region against the ACPO standards on protective services.

Janet Clitheroe explained that the timeline was being revised again, and individual force assessments would be completed by December and presented to the RCCG in January.

It was felt that this would be a good topic for the all-member event in January.

RESOLVED

That Members:

- a) Considered noted the report and the information at Appendix A.**
- b) Considered the implications of the ongoing work, its completion date and the implications for the planning cycle.**

34. SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME HIGHLIGHT REPORT

Members were provided with a report which advised them of the current situation regarding the Serious and Organised Crime project.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison informed members that Detective Superintendent Mark Wilkie had been appointed to lead the project and would begin this appointment on 19 November 2007.

RESOLVED

That Members noted the contents of the report.

35. NATIONAL POLICE SHARED SERVICES PROGRAMME

Members were provided with a report of the Chief Executives which updated them on the National Police Shared Services Programme.

The work had emerged from the efficiency agenda and concerned with Human Resources and Finance. An outline business case had been developed in conjunction with a number of 'pioneer forces' which included North, South and

West Yorkshire. The report included a list of the main points from the business case, which proposed setting up a dedicated joint venture company.

Judith Heeley introduced the report by saying that the central project team had delivered a presentation about the business case to the regional Treasurers and that it had been pragmatic. It had recognised that forces were not all at the same stage. The earliest that the project could go live is April 2009, but in the meantime the central team had been disbanded because the funding had ceased. She finished by saying that future progress would depend upon the settlement that would be announced in December.

RESOLVED

That members noted the current position.

36. COMPLAINTS PROJECT – BUSINESS CASE

Members received a report of the Chief Executives which included a business case for the joint complaints project.

The officer network had met in July 2007 to agree a way forward. It had proposed that the network was the most efficient and effective option from the three that were considered. The officer network would formulate a work plan for the coming year.

John Bates introduced the report and said that the second meeting of the officer network had been postponed but that it would meet soon. He said it had been felt that more networking was needed before a work plan could be developed. The recent IPCC report would be discussed by the network at its next meeting.

RESOLVED

That Members:

- a) **Considered the business case from the joint complaints project and agreed delivery through the officer network.**
- b) **Referred the report to the four police authority Complaints Committees or equivalent for their consideration and comment.**
- c) **Agreed that a further report be brought by the officer network to the Joint Police Authorities Committee following development of a project plan for the coming year.**

37. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETINGS HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2007 AND 4 OCTOBER 2007

Members received notes from the meetings of the RCCG which took place on 7 September 2007 and 4 October 2007.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison commented upon the discussion about European Union funding within the notes and that the forces were looking at creating a conduit for funding.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

38. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2007

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison spoke about the Office of Government Commerce Review hot debrief and the recommendations emerging from it. These included recommendations about governance issues and one that the two force projects be implemented.

39. NOTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2007

Members received notes from the meeting of the Chief Executives which took place on 2 October.

Catherine Archer spoke about the dates for meetings of the Joint Committee in 2008/09 and said that a calendar would be circulated shortly. She reminded members that the first meeting in 2008 would be in March, although there might need to be a meeting after the all-member event to discuss the Strategic Roads Policing business case.

Janet Clitheroe added that she was aiming to obtain indicative costings for both projects and funding for the Joint Regional Programme Team for the RCCG meeting in December, as well as forecasts for the future.

RESOLVED

That the notes were received.

IN PRIVATE

40. STRATEGIC ROADS POLICING PROJECT UPDATE

Members were provided with a report of the Chief Constables which provided indicative costings for Phases 1 to 5 of the Strategic Roads Policing Project.

Chief Constable Sir Norman Bettison informed members that the RCCG had instructed the Project Board to pursue final costings and a full business case, and these would be ready by the end of January 2008.

Members made a number of suggestions that they would wish to see in the final business case, including likely efficiency gains and the impact of one or more authorities not participating or being late entries.

It was also requested that the Project Board should involve Chief Executives and Treasurers as they moved towards the final costings and business case.

It was agreed that the information provided could be used to begin dialogue between each police authority and their Chief Constable, to feed into the individual budget processes.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Regional Chief Constable's Group be thanked for the indicative costings of the phases of the Strategic Roads Policing projects.**
- (b) That individual authorities and Chief Constables be asked to take these costings, together with the developing business case information, and to determine their individual positions in respect of the project according to local priorities and local business and financial planning considerations, to inform collective decisions to be made at the meeting of this Joint Committee in January once the full business case is available.**

41. HOW THE REGION WORKS COHERENTLY TOGETHER IN ORDER TO TACKLE ORGANISED IMMIGRATION CRIME (OIC) AND THE TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN BEINGS (THB)

Members received a report of the Chief Constables which reported on activity between three forces in the region as a result of Home Office funding to implement operational and intelligence capabilities to tackle organised immigration crime and the trafficking of human beings.

RESOLVED

That member noted the contents of the paper.

42. GOVERNANCE OF COUNTER TERRORISM

Members received a report of the Chief Executives which informed them of progress in relation to the governance of Counter Terrorism.

RESOLVED

That members noted the contents of the paper.

IN PUBLIC

43. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR