



## MINUTES

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

29 MARCH 2007

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baugh	Alan Hartley	<b>Alternates</b>
Alene Branton MBE	Jane Kenyon (Vice-Chair)	Clive Palmerley
Mark Burns-Williamson (Chair)	Ann Liston	
Jim Fender	Clive Richardson	
Jan Fiore	Bob Tress	

#### OFFICERS PRESENT

Catherine Archer	Judith Heeley	John Kirman
John Bates	Tim Hollis	Fraser Sampson
Sally Collins	David Hunter	Paul Wainwright
Claire Craven-Griffiths	Shahin Ismail	Bill Wilkinson
Andy Ford	Fiona Kinnear	

#### 73. APOLOGIES

Received from Rosie Brown, Steven Rollinson, Charles Perryman and Graham Stroud.

#### 74. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

#### 75. MINUTES OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE JOINT POLICE AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2007

These were agreed as a correct record.

#### 76. MATTERS ARISING

With reference to minute no. 60, a discussion took place about the date for a joint meeting of members of JPAC and the four Chief Constables. The date

originally suggested, of the June meeting, was no longer convenient for all Chief Constables.

Members described issues around the late receipt of a number of reports which had resulted in insufficient time to read and consider them properly. Catherine Archer said there was a need to look at scheduling and it would help if the Chief Constables meetings took place sufficiently ahead of JPAC, to allow sufficient time for report writing, submission and consideration at a Chair's Briefing. Several members said the envelopes in which the papers were sent had split. Considering the sensitive nature of some of the reports, it was agreed that more secure envelopes should be used in future.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That members noted the progress of actions and other matters arising.**

#### **ACTIONS**

- a) **That consideration be given to future scheduling of meetings and the formatting, placing and distribution of future reports, to avoid late papers.**
- b) **The joint meeting with all Chief Constables to take place on 16 May.**

#### **77. CHAIR'S URGENT ITEMS**

None.

#### **78. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Agenda Item Nos. 17, 18 and 19 (Minute Nos. 89, 90 and 91 refers) 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.**

#### **79. PRESENTATION FROM THE SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY (SOCA)**

Brad Jones and Gerry Smyth from the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) provided an overview of the structure and objectives of SOCA. The Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) was an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by, but operationally independent from, the Home Office. SOCA employed around 4,000 staff throughout the UK. Whilst SOCA staff were not police officers they could be granted the powers of police, customs and immigration officers.

The key aims of SOCA were to build the knowledge and understanding of serious and organised crime and to remove assets from criminals. Brad Jones emphasised the importance of working in partnership with police forces. Whilst the agency had started off with a relationship department focussing on sharing intelligence there remained a need to improve engagement with forces.

Partnerships with forces did already exist and ACPO and SOCA had an agreement in relation to intelligence sharing. A SOCA representative also attended regional tasking meetings to understand force issues. It was important that forces understood that SOCA was not the regional crime squad and should not be tasked as such. Their attendance at these meetings was to task joint resources, not to do the police's job.

SOCA had a positive policy not to do press interviews with regard to successful operations and was therefore happy for a force to just reference that it had worked in partnership with SOCA.

Members queried how 'harm' was measured. Brad Jones said this was a topic of ongoing debate. Harm reduction should not be measured purely by performance indicators. SOCA was working to identify the causes of harm, finding out how criminal markets and enterprises operated, in order to disrupt them e.g. to establish how guns come into the country and where they are from, rather than taking a gun off an individual.

The Committee was informed that a SOCA awareness day had been scheduled for 3 April in Harrogate, to which ACCs for Crime had been invited. The invitation was extended to a representative of JPAC. Brad said he would also welcome future invitations to JPAC.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the presentation was noted.**

## **ACTION**

**That the Committee takes up the invitation from SOCA to attend appropriate meetings in the future.**

### **80. TRAINING PROJECT PHASE ONE – MEMBERS' INDUCTION TRAINING**

The paper was introduced by Claire Craven-Griffiths, Strategic Planning Officer from North Yorkshire Police Authority. The paper outlined proposals for induction training for new police authority members in the region, the first element of a larger joint training project. It was suggested that the training be conducted across two days and that there be two events, one in the third week of April for independent members and a second in May, for elected members. Some members were concerned that this would be divisive. Claire explained that it was important to get the training started quickly and April was a particularly busy time for councillors, with local elections taking place.

There was general support for the proposals and members agreed that the finer detail should be confirmed by officers outside of the meeting. It was highlighted that the paper did not detail any costings and that these should be taken into account, to ensure that any training delivered was cost effective.

Andy Ford, on behalf of the Home Office, offered to assist in contributing to the course content.

## **RESOLVED**

**That Members considered the proposal and issues raised in sections 6 and 7 of the appendices.**

## **ACTIONS**

- a) That the finer details around scheduling and content should be finalised by police authority officers outside the meeting.**
- b) That the training is costed to ensure it is economical.**

## **81. POLICE REFORM AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

The paper considered the implications for the region arising from the letter from Tony McNulty on 14 February 2007. The Committee was asked to endorse the recommendations, which had been agreed by the Regional Chief Constables meeting on 16 March, as well as the timetable to respond to the letter.

The report had been sent to a recent full authority meeting of North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire where it had been endorsed.

Chief Constable Mr Hollis said that the four Chief Constables were proposing to check current capabilities and agree a common format to ensure there was a regional view as well as an individual force view.

In response to a question, Chief Constable Mr Hollis confirmed that he expected the Protective Services plans to be agreed by 28 July 2007. He expressed concern about Vulnerable People becoming the 8th Protective Service.

Andy Ford said that the deadline for responses to the Tony McNulty letter had been delayed until the end of May, once a letter confirming the demonstrator sites had been dispatched. Chief Constable Mr Hollis said the Committee would be updated on receipt of this letter.

## **RESOLVED**

- a) That the content of the report was noted and the recommendations endorsed.**

**b) That the proposals for regional protective services plans outlined in the paper were confirmed.**

## **82. POST OF REGIONAL PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**

The report informed members of the current position regarding the selection process for the permanent position of Joint Regional Programme Director. The aim was to appoint the successful candidate by 1 July 2007.

Members said that in future, such reports should not make reference to individual's names.

Queries were raised as to why the proposal suggested that a Chief Constable chair the selection panel when some considered it to be a police authority appointment. Since the appointment was open to staff and officers, there was no definitive answer. Consequently, it was agreed that the panel should be chaired by a Chief Constable as proposed and that Jane Kenyon should sit on the panel, to represent JPAC. South Yorkshire Police, who were arranging the process, were asked to determine whether the Senior Appointments Panel needed to be involved.

### **RESOLVED**

**a) That the report was noted.**

**b) That Jane Kenyon, Chair of North Yorkshire Police Authority, sits on the selection and interview panel.**

## **83. UPDATES ON JOINT WORKING PROTOCOLS FROM LINK MEMBERS**

The report provided an update on the progress of two joint force projects and three police authority projects. Written reports from Link Members were appended.

### **RESOLVED**

**That members noted the project updates in Appendix A.**

## **84. WORKFORCE MODERNISATION BUSINESS CASE**

Members received a report outlining the current position regarding the regional business case, submitted to the National Workforce Modernisation programme for consideration as a demonstration site.

The Chair, on behalf of JPAC, had signed a letter to the National Workforce Modernisation Team, confirming commitment to proceed to the next stage of selection.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the report content was noted.**

### **85. INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER**

The report updated members on the work that had been undertaken by the Chief Executives to engage with Local Government Yorkshire and Humber (LGYH) and on discussion that had taken place since the last meeting of JPAC.

John Bates, Treasurer of Humberside Police Authority, said he had met with LGYH, who were happy to meet with one representative rather than all four and he would take this forward. Stuart Pudney from North Yorkshire Police Authority would also be involved. Any decisions would be referred to the Chief Executives Group.

A detailed update was provided in the body of the report. This included reference to the Sheffield Neighbourhood Information System (SNIS) and to the proposals discussed at a recent meeting of the Regional Treasurers and Force Finance Directors for the Audit Commission to undertake a study of joint working/partnerships. The proposed presentation to the LGYH Chief Executives Group on policing issues had been deferred to 25 May 2007, due to the clash with this meeting.

## **RESOLVED**

- a) That members noted the report and the initiatives that were being progressed by LGYH and the level of involvement of Police Authority staff.**
- b) That Officers are requested to continue to provide regular updates to future meetings of this Committee.**
- c) That the opportunity for police authorities to see a demonstration of SNIS be noted.**
- d) That a decision on whether to proceed with the Audit Commission Partnership study be delegated to the Chief Executives.**
- e) That the Chief Executives report to the next meeting on issues to be raised at the meeting of the LGYH Chief Executives Group on 25 May.**

### **86. NOTES OF THE CLERKS MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2007**

The notes from the Clerks meeting held on 5 March 2007 were provided.

**87. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2007**

Members were provided with the notes from the RCCG conference call held on 5 February 2007.

**88. NOTES OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSTABLES GROUP MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2007**

A verbal update on the RCCG meeting held on 16 March 2007 was provided by Chief Constable Mr Hollis. It was reported that the Chief Constables had agreed to supply staff to form a small team to support the Regional Programme Director and centrally located accommodation to improve co-ordination and communication.

**IN PRIVATE**

**89. INTERIM REPORT OF SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME PROJECT**

Members received a report informing them of the current position regarding the Serious and Organised Crime Project. Of the 42 recommendations, 28 had been agreed at zero cost, 5 had been agreed subject to further costings, 4 would be revisited following further discussion around developing a vision for joint working, 4 were to be implemented by individual forces and recommendation 15 would proceed in three of the four forces.

The Chair said that it would have been helpful if the report had tried to contextualise the rationale behind the decisions made in relation to each recommendation, with the provision of a business case analysis.

Catherine Archer said that the biggest issue for authorities was to clarify arrangements for monitoring the implementation of the recommendations through JPAC. Members said there were actions for each individual Authority to monitor achievement of the recommendations proposed at zero cost.

There was concern around the timetabling of the final report. This would be going to the RCCG on 2 May which did not leave sufficient time to make amendments and send it out in advance of the May JPAC. The Committee agreed that the interim report on the Strategic Roads Policing project should be sent to the May Committee and for the final report on the Serious and Organised Crime project to be sent to the June Committee, to allow time to consider the report fully, in advance.

Andy Ford said the Home Office would be looking for forces to demonstrate that this was high on the agenda by July 2007.

Alan Lees of West Yorkshire Police said that this was an interim report and the issues raised by members would be incorporated into the final report.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the report was noted and comments received.**

## **ACTION**

**That the interim report on the Strategic Roads Policing project be sent to the May JPAC meeting and the final report on the Serious and Organised Crime project be sent to the June JPAC meeting.**

### **90. LEGAL ADVICE TO PROGRESS JOINT WORKING ACROSS THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGION**

The Committee received a report with an update on the progress to establish a legal framework for progressing joint working across the Yorkshire and Humber Region. Chief Constable Mr Hollis drew members attention to the flow chart at Appendix C, which provided clarity around the decision making process.

The Chair thanked the Chief Constables for reaching this agreement, which would be shared with other bodies and contribute towards making progress nationally in this difficult area.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the report was noted and the advice endorsed.**

### **91. GOVERNANCE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM**

The report updated members on the latest proposals in respect of police authority oversight of counter-terrorism activity. The arrangements outlined in the report would be supplemented by structures put in place by the APA and the Counter-Terrorism Capabilities Board.

There was a fundamental need to understand the current threat and capability to respond.

With regard to the governance and oversight of the regional CTU, reporting mechanisms needed to be established to feedback to North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Humberside Police Authority.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the report was noted.**

## IN PUBLIC

### 92. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Andy Ford informed members that Sir Ronnie Flannigan was progressing the Review of Policing, focussing on; reducing bureaucracy, embedding neighbourhood policing, the public driving local priorities and managing use of resources. This did not mean that performance in protective services was lower on the agenda.

This would be the last JPAC for Alan Hartley, Jan Fiore, Rosie Brown and Graham Stroud. The Chair thanked them for their contribution to the founding and the work of JPAC and Members wished them all the best for the future. South Yorkshire Police Authority would need to select three replacement representatives for JPAC and Humberside one.

The next JPAC would take place on 16 May 2007, at the Novotel in York.

### **ACTION**

**Humberside and South Yorkshire Police Authorities to notify JPAC of their nominations to fill the vacancies.**

### **CHAIR**