

Chief Officer Group

1st SEPTEMBER 2008

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Graham Sunderland	Assistant Chief Constable (Crime)
Neil Rhodes	Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Policing)
Mike Thompson	Director of Finance and Resources
Joanna Bancroft	Director of Personnel and Development
Gill Shearer	Head of Marketing and Communications
Jenny Davies	Director of Strategic Development
Hollie Mark	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

DCC Christine Twigg

2 Minutes of meeting of 18th August 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

3 Declaration of any other business

None

4 Action updates

Action 66 (Crime Mapping) – Ongoing
Action 67 (Aspatria Incident) – Complete
Action 68 (Baton gun attachments) – Ongoing
Action 69 (Satisfaction & Performance information) – Ongoing

Action owner(s)

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5 Minutes to note

Operations Board – 13.08.08

ACC Crime raised two issues from the Operations Board Minutes;

Body armour is currently mandatory for police officers but the question was raised, what about detectives?

Cost recovery for Police services; Commanders have been asked to look at the events in their area and decide which can be appropriately charged for. Chief Inspector Rod Mackay will collate this information and ensure it is in line with policy.

Force Learning Panel - 23.07.08

Joanna Bancroft informed COG that they 'homing in' on Personal Safety Training and this year's first aid training has been outsourced to the St Johns Ambulance.

Procurement Advisory Group – 23.07.08

Reference was made to body armour and the need to communicate information to staff.

Black Polo Shirt. It was commented that it may be beneficial to get an officer to wear the polo shirt and body armour to show the Police Authority Members at the meeting on the 30th September.

Bicycle Patrol. Joanna Bancroft informed COG that this is being progressed.

University of Collaboration Steering Group – 13.07.08

Joanna Bancroft updated COG that the force is currently at a crucial stage with the University. The University have said that they will hold the course with the minimum number of 5 people. Currently the Constabulary have 4 definite and 2 potentials. Joanna Bancroft pointed out that so far the 'sticking point' has been the medical and vetting procedures.

Chief Constables Council Minutes – 16.07.08

Chief Constable Mackey asked that these & future Chief Constables Council minutes be circulated to all members of the Senior Managers forum.

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

These were noted and discussed.

b) Press issues

Gill Shearer gave an update on national and local press issues.

ACC Territorial Policing informed COG that the HMIC has awarded the constabulary a 'Good' for Neighbourhood policing. Just one force has received an excellent.

Agenda Items

7 Leadership

Chief Constable Mackey asked COG for comments and observations.

The paper was supported by COG with additional comments being made on the marketing of the strategy and some questions on processes.

Approved.

8 Audit Manual

The review of the Audit Manual commenced 12 months ago and is now ready to go to the Police Authority.

It was highlighted that since its review the audit manual has been much improved and bureaucracy will be reduced.

Approved.

9 Police Authority Meeting

Chief Constable Mackey discussed the next Police Authority meeting on the 30th September. Mike Thompson will present the Medium Term Financial Plan. Richard James will be producing a paper on the Green Paper & Sleuth will be the seminar topic prior to the main meeting.

10 Budget Monitoring Report

Mike Thompson circulated the budget monitoring report to COG which will go to the Police Authority Governance Committee at the end of the month.

Mike Thompson discussed the different budgets and discussions took place on the variants between the Police staff and Police officer budgets.

Mike Thompson highlighted that this will no longer be signed of by the police Authority Treasurer.

Approved.

Any other business

None

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

15 September 2008

It was Jenny Davies last COG. The Chief Officer team thanked her for all the work she has done throughout her time at the Constabulary