

# Chief Officer Group

4<sup>th</sup> August 2008

## Minutes

OPEN

**Present:**

<b>Craig Mackey</b>	Chief Constable
<b>Neil Rhodes</b>	Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Policing)
<b>Mike Thompson</b>	Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Joanna Bancroft</b>	Director of Personnel and Development
<b>Gill Shearer</b>	Head of Marketing and Communications
<b>Iain Goulding</b>	Detective Chief Superintendent, Head of CID
<b>Nina Robinson</b>	Minute Taker

- 1 Apologies for absence**  
DCC Christine Twigg  
ACC Graham Sunderland

**2 Minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

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

Matters arising:

Body Armour – Mike Thompson asked for clarification on the issues surrounding body armour for female officers. Kevin McGilloway has been tasked with investigating reported issues will ill-fitting body armour. It was also noted that there is currently no viable alternative.

Gill Shearer added that concerns have been brought back to the Procurement Advisory group and they are being looked in to.

Circulation of open minutes – Craig Mackey informed the group that the open COG minutes will now be circulated to

Action owner(s)

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members of the Senior Management Forum including staff associations.

**3 Declaration of any other business**

Special Constabulary – Neil Rhodes

**4 Action updates**

Satisfaction & Confidence Data – update sent from Jenny Davies: a corporate framework will be consulted on with Operations Board on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

SPP – Craig Mackey confirmed that an SPP paper had been circulated at JNCC, and that the article for Staff Matters is under way. A recent article in Police Review tabling details of SPP by Constabulary was discussed and it was agreed that a copy would be sent to Joanna Bancroft for information.

Green Paper briefing – this has been circulated.

**5 Minutes to note**

The minutes from the Strategic Risk Group on 22<sup>nd</sup> July were noted and discussed. Craig Mackey highlighted that Business Continuity now sits strategically with Contingency Planning.

**6 Standing Items**

**a) COG diary commitments and command cover**

These were noted and discussed. Craig Mackey informed the group that minutes from the NW Collaboration meetings will also be circulated to senior management in future.

**b) Press issues**

Gill Shearer updated the group on issues in the local and national press over the last week.

Neil Rhodes informed the group that a full page article on Cumbria's work on digital recording had been published in Jane's Police Product Review, and thanks were passed on to Jo Dowling for her work on this. A discussion followed regarding having the article published in Police Review; Gill Shearer agreed to look in to this.

## Agenda Items

### 7 Crime Mapping

A discussion took place around the constabulary's crime mapping capabilities after the recent statement by the Home Secretary. There is uncertainty regarding the level of mapping that will be required and Gill Shearer informed the group that a further paper is expected this week.

After discussion it was agreed that a detailed technical update from IT/IMU should be brought to COG on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**ACTION: Neil Rhodes to task Martin Connolly and Mark Clement with providing a detailed technical update on crime mapping for COG on the 18<sup>th</sup> August.**

ACC TP

The Constabulary will aim to comply with the minimum national requirement by the end of the year, while recognising that this has already been identified as a low public priority and that the geographic sparsity of the county will raise issues of potential identification of victims.

### Any other business

#### Special Constabulary

Neil Rhodes informed the group that there had been a presentation evening for special constables on the 31<sup>st</sup> July which had been a great success and which had received very positive feedback.

Neil Rhodes asked that Joanna Bancroft pass on this message with thanks to the specials coordinator Susan Cook, and specials trainer Evelyn Barton for their hard work in organising the event.

### Date of next meeting

18<sup>th</sup> August 2008