

Chief Officer Group

15th September 2008

Minutes

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Present:

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| Craig Mackey | Chief Constable |
| Graham Sunderland | Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) |
| Mike Thompson | Director of Finance and Resources |
| Joanna Bancroft | Director of Personnel and Development |
| Gill Shearer | Head of Marketing and Communications |
| Nina Robinson | Minute Taker |

1 Apologies for absence

DCC Christine Twigg
ACC Neil Rhodes
Jenny Davies

Action owner(s)

2 Minutes of meeting of 1st September 2008

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

3 Declaration of any other business

Road Safe Event 2009 – Graham Sunderland
Cross Border Firearms – Graham Sunderland
SARCs – Graham Sunderland

4 Action updates

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Craig Mackey informed the group that he is awaiting further explanation from ACPO PuoF.

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5 Minutes to note

The minutes of the Cumbria Constabulary/University of Cumbria Collaboration Steering Group on the 3rd September were noted. The first course will be starting this month.

The minutes of the Procurement Advisory Group on the 8th September were noted.

The minutes of the Confidence & Equality Board on the 9th September were noted.

The subject of the Strategic Assessment for Prevent was raised and it was **agreed** that it should go through the closed section of CEB.

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

These were noted and discussed

b) Press issues

Gill Shearer updated the group on the main issues in the national media, including coverage of the constabulary's new maternity uniform.

Locally it was noted that there have been a number of positive stories in the press, and thanks were passed to the media team for their hard work.

Media training is currently ongoing, with reluctance from some inspectors being experienced. Craig Mackey **agreed** to send a message out to inspectors seeking their full support.

It was also noted that this week sees the North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust launch of the Respect Campaign.

Agenda Items

7. The Prince's Trust

The paper recommending that one police constable be seconded to the Prince's Trust for a period of twenty weeks was discussed and **approved**.

8 Project Status

Craig Mackey informed the group that PMU would provide COG with this project status update regularly. It was noted that the ECM review has now begun.

Mike Thompson raised the issue of some financial anomalies in the report and agreed to follow this up with PMU.

ACTION: Mike Thompson to look into financial anomalies in the project status matrix with PMU.

Dir F&R

9 Strategic Development Activity October to December

The paper was discussed and **approved**. After discussion around the Green Paper and Policing Pledge it was **agreed** that any spare capacity would be kept for responding to short term demands.

10 Managing Radioactive Waste

Graham Sunderland informed the group that the County Council are setting up a working group to manage radioactive waste, and that the constabulary had been invited to be involved. After discussion it was agreed that the constabulary would nominate a single point of contact for any issues that arise from the working group, but would not be directly involved.

11 Budget Savings

This item was moved to the closed section.

12 Activity Analysis

Mike Thompson introduced the paper which provided an update on the current position. The group accepted that the role of Performance Inspectors is fundamental to the

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success of the Activity Sampling exercise and asked that Commanders ensure that every assistance and continuity of input as necessary is offered to this process by the relevant personnel.

13 Annual Procurement Report

Mike Thompson informed the group that this report had been presented to the Police Authority Governance Committee on 12th September. The report highlights the diversity and range of work performed by a small team. COG noted the paper and passed on their thanks to the procurement team.

Any other business

Road Safe Event 2009

Graham Sunderland circulated a paper proposing that the annual Road Safe event be reinstated. A discussion followed surrounding how the event could be funded and it was agreed that the constabulary would financially support part of the event and that external funding should also be sought. Clarity to be ascertained if this is a Constabulary event or a Safer Roads Cumbria event of which we would be a partner and funding and resources to reflect.

For 2009, constabulary funding would be provided from the ACCs contingency fund.

ACTION: Gill Shearer to liaise with Chief Superintendent Don Spiller over the branding and resources required from both teams.

Head of M&C

Power Upgrade at HQ

Mike Thompson advised that there will be a power upgrade carried out at HQ week commencing 22nd September, and that some disruption may be experienced.

Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs)

Graham Sunderland circulated a paper for information and informed the group that he is requesting the support of the Police Authority in working towards Health Authority involvement.

Cross Border Protocol for Police use of Firearms & Taser

Graham Sunderland advised that work on the protocol is still ongoing and that it will be ready to come to COG on

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the 29th September. A discussion followed around use of Taser and it was agreed that this would be discussed at SMF.

ACTION: Graham Sunderland to ensure that a discussion paper on issues around use of Taser be available for the next SMF in October.

ACC Crime

It was also agreed that it would be useful for all members of COG and SMF to receive a use of Taser demonstration.

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

29th September 2008

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