

Chief Officer Group

17th March 2008

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Christine Twigg	Deputy 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
Nina Robinson	Minute Taker

- 1 Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies

- 2 Minutes of meeting of 3rd March 2008**

Press Issues item on page 2 - Gill Shearer clarified that a bid has been made to the Home Office for marketing and IT funds in relation to Neighbourhood Policing.

The open minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

- 3 Declaration of any other business**

- 4 Action updates**

Business case for additional personnel officer for comms centre – [Action ongoing](#)

Request for resources for Green Strategy – [Action ongoing](#)

Action owner(s)

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5 Minutes to note

The minutes from the Operations Board meeting on 22nd February were noted and discussed.

ACC Sunderland raised the issue of officer non-attendance at personal safety training which had been discussed at the meeting. It was agreed that the PDC in April will examine current officer personal safety training numbers.

ACTION: DCC Twigg to raise the issue of officer personal safety training at the April PDC

DCC

The minutes from the Force Learning Panel on the 4th March were noted. Issues surrounding officer personal safety training had also been raised here. DCC Twigg has requested that BCU Commanders ensure that a supervisor is available to support trainers; after concerns over 100% pass rates have been raised.

Chief Constable Mackey reported that a bid for 1000 mobile data terminals had been submitted, and that a discussion regarding training would be needed.

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

These were noted and discussed

b) Press issues

The Head of Marketing and Communications updated the group on recent press issues.

Concerns were raised again regarding partner out of office media cover during the recent period of severe weather and gale force winds. After discussion it was agreed that as Chair, ACC Sunderland would raise the issue through the Local Resilience Forum.

Action: Head of Marketing and Communications to liaise with Chief Inspector Mackay to produce a letter from ACC Sunderland raising concerns about partner out of office media cover.

Head M&C

Not Protectively Marked

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Switching off of local police station numbers

It was noted that the local police station telephone numbers are to be switched off in the near future. A recorded message asking callers to redial the 0845 3300 247 number will be in place for a six month period.

New Editor of the North West Evening Mail

The group were informed that a meeting had been arranged between the new editor of the NW Evening Mail, the Chief Constable and the Head of Marketing and Communications.

Agenda Items

Any other business

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

31st March 2008

Not Protectively Marked