

Chief Officer Group

18th February 2008

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Christine Twigg	Deputy Chief Constable
Graham Sunderland	Assistant Chief Constable (Ops)
Neil Rhodes	Assistant Chief Constable (ODP)
Mike Thompson	Director of Finance and Resources
Joanna Bancroft	Director of Personnel and Development
Hollie Mark	Note Taker

1 Apologies for absence

Gill Shearer, Head of Marketing and Communications

2 Minutes of meeting of 4th February 2008

The open minutes were approved.

Closed minutes were approved with the following; –

Item C Energy Consumption, this is in regard to issues around the resources required to put the Green Strategies in place. Work is ongoing in Estates.

Budget Intelligence – Mike Thompson advised COG that capping was not advised until all authorities had agreed their budgets.

While discussing budgetary issues Mike Thompson circulated the paper regarding PATS which was up to date as of 14th/15th February. A brief discussion took place on other forces precepts.

Action owner(s)

3 Declaration of any other business

None

4 Action updates

Actions were noted as ongoing.

5 Minutes to note

The minutes of the recent **Cabinet meeting dated 9th January 2008** were read without comment.

ACC (OD&P) informed COG that in regard to the **Going Green Executive Minutes of the 18th Feb 08** costs were starting to be incurred due to the provision of bins around HQ. This will be taken from the OD&P Contingency budget. ACC (OD&P) informed COG that at some point a paper will be submitted to COG regarding funding, stating that although not for a large amount it will be important.

The **ACPO response** to a letter sent from Dinah Lord at the BBC was discussed. A discussion on the press and coverage of the police in the newspapers ensued with reference to it focusing on the negative rather than the positive.

The **Procurement Advisory Group minutes of the 11th Feb 08** were discussed with emphasis around the issue of body armour, high visibility vests & Satellite Navigation systems. The issue of a review of uniform was raised and it was clarified that COG had not said that there would be a review of uniform merely that the issues surrounding body armour would be looked into. The importance of communication to Staff following these meetings was discussed.

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

It was noted that the on call was incorrect on the schedules & will need to be rectified.

Action: Hollie Mark to check that A.Ch. Supt McGilloway will be back in the country to cover Gold.

Hollie Mark

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b) Press issues

Due to the absence of Gill Shearer there were no press issues to discuss.

Agenda Items

7 Fingerprint Bureau Review

Please refer to Closed Minutes as it was agreed this item should be discussed in the Closed section.

8 Any other business

ACC (OD&P) informed COG that a paper regarding Sleuth would be brought to the next COG – 4th March 2008

ACC (OD&P)

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

4th March 2008