

Chief Officer Group

21st January 2008

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Christine Twigg	Deputy Chief Constable
Neil Rhodes	Assistant Chief Constable (ODP)
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 (part meeting only)
Nina Liggins	Minutes Taker

- 1 Apologies for absence**
ACC Graham Sunderland

- 2 Minutes of meeting of 17th December 2007**

The minutes were agreed, and the following updates were given.

The Estates Strategy has been presented to the Police Authority.

DCC Twigg updated the group on the proposals for a new South Cumbria BCU HQ and Custody. Work is ongoing on locating and securing a site, and it was agreed that internal and external marketing needs to be considered quickly if a site is secured.

- 3 Declaration of any other business**

There were no items for any other business

Action owner(s)

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4 Action updates

Actions were noted as ongoing.

5 Minutes to note

The minutes of the ACPO Cabinet meeting on the 5th December 2007 were noted.

The minutes of the Chief Constables' Council on the 31st October 2007 were noted.

The minutes of the Force Learning Panel on the 14th January 2008 were noted. DCC Twigg reported that the main issues were Sleuth training, which will be covered in the closed agenda, and the new Performance and Conduct Regulations which are expected now in September.

The minutes of the Procurement Advisory Group on the 19th December 2007 were noted. The main issues were the replacement of body armour which will be discussed in the closed agenda. The other main issue to arise was the need to reinforce that procurement requests must go through BCU Commanders.

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

These were discussed and noted.

b) Press issues

Media Training

The Head of Marketing and Communications summarised the need to have an annual force wide media training plan and to make media training mandatory. The proposed plan was then discussed and agreed.

Other press issues were then discussed, including work being carried out with the media and mountain rescue teams relating to the recent deaths on the fells, and the media interest in the constabulary's sickness figures.

The Chief Constable requested that the Director of Finance and Resources and the Head of Marketing and

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Communications prepare some key messages regarding the budget for the Police Authority, to be brought to the next COG meeting.

Action: Key messages regarding the budget to be prepared and brought to the next COG meeting on 4th February.

Dir F&R and Head
M&C

The Director of Finance and Resources informed the group that the Institute of Public Policy Research had recently issued a press release commenting on police pay and performance, and interest was expressed by members of the group in seeing the document.

Agenda Items

7 Devolving Performance Management Support

The Director of Strategic Development joined the meeting at this point and presented the paper. The need for establishing corporate standards was summarised and the proposed standards were considered. The paper was discussed and agreed.

Any other business

There was no other business.

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

4th February 2008