

Chief Officer Group

24th November 2008

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Christine Twigg	Deputy Chief Constable
Graham Sunderland	Assistant Chief Constable (Crime)
Andy Davidson	Acting/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
Jane Sauntson	Best Value Manager - Item 7 & 8
Paul Telford	Inspector Firearms Unit – Taser Item
Paul Duhig	Chief Inspector UOS – Taser Item
Andy Shaddock	Inspector, Chief Constables Staff Officer - Item 9
Matt Kennerley	Acting Inspector, Deputy Chief Constables Staff Officer
Hollie Mark	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

None

2 Minutes of meeting of 13th October 2008



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3 Declaration of any other business

Taser – ACC Crime

4 Action updates

Action No 68 – ACPO PuoF – CLOSED

Action owner(s)

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Action No 70 –(Placed on the Open Action Plan but discussed in closed section) CLOSED

5 Minutes to note

The minutes were noted by COG with Particular reference being made to the following;

Strategic Risk Group; A discussion took place over what jurisdiction GONW had in setting carbon footprint reduction targets for local authorities and police forces.
Chief Constable Mackey will monitor the situation.

Operations Board; Report on Constabulary Culture, Chief Constable Mackey asked to look at the work Chief Superintendent Goulding has carried out on the above.

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

Noted

b) Press issues

Gill Shearer gave an update on local and national press stories;

- National press coverage has been dominated by the Shannon Matthews and the Baby P cases.
- Nothing new came out of the ACPO Autumn Conference with the Home Secretary reinforcing previous messages.
- The news of the extended use of Taser has featured heavily in the press today.
- Still awaiting to see comprehensive information on the 12 Month VAT change.

Local;

- The Robert Wilson case is receiving widespread local and national coverage with the jury due out next week
- Unexplained blood found in the Dalston Road Cemetery and a body in the river Petterill.
- No media presence at the PA meeting.
- Announcement of DCC Twigg's retirement.

Chief Constable Mackey requested that following the news

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on Taser something be circulated to Staff.

Agenda Items

7 LAA TARGETS

Jane Sauntson presented a paper to COG outlining the proposed Constabulary targets and measures for 2009 - 12.

The Chief Officer Team went through the different targets raising queries on the following;

4.2.7 Chief Constable Mackey raised the question of would the County Council be happy for the question to be altered to include Place Survey Questions. Jane Sauntson informed COG that Strategic Development may do a paper survey and it is the Constabulary who are held accountable for the BCS Data.

In terms of the Safer Stronger Thematic Partnership indicator ref. **26** Chief Constable Mackey was concerned that the Health Trust was not adequately engaged in this.

Action: Jane Sauntson to relay this back to the County Council JS

35&36 were agreed but with the proviso that they would need some considerable work.

The Chief Officer Group were informed that Paul Musgrave would feed back into the SSCTP.

- i. Approve the Current targets in the LAA – AGREED
- ii. Noted & agreed the results and actions arising from Section 4.23 relating to the LAA – Noted with the proviso around BCS Data
- iii. AGREED to approve the establishment of a target and Measures Working Group but with the proviso that it doesn't refer to a particular ACC. To refer to role rather than name.

8 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Chief Officer Group approved the 2009/12 Strategic Priorities paper with the following amendments;
The Policing Pledge should be embedded and sustainability and productivity be seen as an outcome.

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Jane Sauntson was thanked for her work on this and left the meeting.

9 RECOMMENDATION 24

- Inspector Shaddock entered the meeting -

Inspector Shaddock discussed the long term goals following the implementation of Recommendation 24 and the benefits linked with its non paper based system.

Strategic Development will look at Stop & Account and Stop & Search.

Discussed PDA's and the financial implications of these.

Action: In regard to costs, Inspector Shaddock to liaise with Corrine Lawson, Efficiency Manager

AS

Action: Inspector Shaddock to draft a piece to go in Staff Matters

AS

10 ACPO PCSO POWERS EVALUATION

A/ACC Davidson spoke to the paper about the evaluation of PCSO's powers.

The general consensus of COG was that this would have massive training implications and the recommendation being that a reply be made to the national review team reflecting the fact the constabulary does not wish to see or influence change around the standard or discretionary powers.

AGREED.

*** TASER - (Not on the agenda, Tabled at the meeting)**

- Inspector Telford and Chief Inspector Duhig entered the meeting -

Inspector Telford and Chief Inspector Duhig presented the papers on the extension of Taser for use by Specially Trained Units. A discussion on the options available to the force and also the training implications ensued.

Taser roll out Approved. Uniformed Operations Support to be done as soon as possible

Action: Inspector Telford to look at the number of response officers in area and proposals for further roll out.

PT

Inspector Telford and Chief Inspector Duhig were thanked for the work done on this.

11 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Mike Thompson updated COG that expenditure was inside budget. The biggest risk being the Police Officer & Police Staff pay awards but it would appear that they are fitting in with the money budgeted for this.

A discussion took place on the forensics and overtime budgets with reference being made to the current overspend figure of the vehicle hiring budget, which currently stands at £111,000.

DCC commented that the point at 3.8 should read wicking shirts not wicking vests. This raised a discussion that at the Next Police Authority meeting an officer in full uniform would attend to show members the new uniform.

12 STEP CHANGE & PRODUCTIVITY

Mike Thompson presented a paper written by HM Treasury for noting.

COG noted the paper and thanked Mike Thompson and team for the work done on this.

13 PROCUREMENT CHARTERS

Mike Thompson presented a paper requesting endorsement of the ACPO Procurement Charter in Cumbria.

AGREED

14 PDR's / CTRP's

Chief Constable Mackey rose that this was mentioned at the Staff Focus Groups. Joanna Bancroft informed COG that this is being looked at as part of the project being undertaken by Acting Chief Inspector Bibby

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Chief Officer Group agreed that they would be happy for this form to be removed.

15 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR DUTIES.

Chief Constable Mackey informed COG that Merseyside Police have decided to pay a bonus for Police Officers and Staff who are rostered to work New Years Eve but not rostered for the for the paid Rest Day on New Years Day.

A discussion ensued and it was decided that this was something that would need to be looked into before a decision was made.

Any other business

NONE

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

Monday 8th December 2008 – 10am