

Chief Officer Group

2nd February 2009

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Christine Twigg	Deputy Chief Constable
Graham Sunderland	Assistant Chief Constable (Crime)
Andy Davidson	T/Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Policing)
Kevin Greenhow	Marketing and Communications
David Willets	Inspector, Partnership & Crime Reduction
Geoff Steele	Inspector, Patrol South
Hollie Mark	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

Mike Thompson, Director of Finance and Resources
Joanna Bancroft, Director of Personnel and Development

2 Minutes of meeting of 19th January 2009

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

3 Declaration of any other business

Budget Paper - Mike Thompson (Discussed in closed section as was not present during Open section)
Financial Investigators – ACC Sunderland

4 Action updates

See action sheet – all actions ongoing.

5 Minutes to note

RSB – 26.01.09
DCC Twigg highlighted the Dedicated Risk Management

Action owner(s)

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Post to COG updating that more work was to be carried out before being referred back to RSB.
The Publication Scheme and the high costs associated were discussed.

JNCC – 29.10.09

ACC Sunderland raised concerns that Federation were raising issues with JNCC which should be raised at Operations Board.

Action: T/ACC Davidson to highlight to Federation that they are invited to Operations Board Meetings

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6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

Noted

b) Press issues

Chief Inspector Greenhow gave a verbal update on the major local and national press issues;

- National press coverage has been dominated by the bad weather which has hit most of the country
- Industrial unrest in Lincolnshire and the possible impact on Sellafield staff who may also go on strike
- Appointment of the MET Commissioner, Sir Paul Stephenson
- Cumbria Constabulary named as one of the 18 forces found to be under reporting Serious Violent Crimes.

- Locally the murder in Millom has been covered widely due to the victims tragic family links in Swindon
- The missing person in West Cumbria has been found following an excellent response from the media
- West Cumbria has had its Second fuel robbery over the past couple of weeks. Press Office are looking at media strategies
- Concern over speed awareness. Good article in the Evening News but concerned with the editorial
- Operation Ospre is still developing. Kevin Greenhow to meet with Cath Thundercloud and Steve Johnson to look at how to manage
- ACC Sunderland's retirement in the paper

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Agenda Items

7 Restorative Justice

Inspector Willets and Chief Inspector Steele presented a PowerPoint on Restorative Justice to get the views of Chief Officers and a steer on future work.

The consensus of the Chief Officer Group was they supported the need to prevent young people from going into the Criminal Justice Scheme but it was not core business for the constabulary thus should be led by a partner agency rather than the force.

Action: In terms of going forward it was decided to put this before Operations Board to give commanders the opportunity to pass comment before going to the Criminal Justice Board.

Action: T/ACC (TP) to discuss with Sir Suma Chakrabarti.

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It was **agreed** that South Cumbria will continue with the scheme.

The Chief Officer Group thanked the team for their work.

** Inspector Willets and Inspector Steele left the meeting **

8 Budget Monitoring Paper

Mike Thompson discussed the 2008/09 budget monitoring paper with COG and raised concerns that £800,000 will be needed to be earmarked and as the force is approaching the end of the financial year would it be possible to freeze predicted spending?

This was **approved** by COG.

Any other business

None

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

10am Monday 16th February 2009

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