

Chief Officer Group

5th January 2009

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Christine Twigg	Deputy Chief Constable
Graham Sunderland (part)	Assistant Chief Constable (Crime)
Andy Davidson	T/Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Policing)
Mike Thompson	Director of Finance and Resources
Joanna Bancroft	Director of Personnel and Development
Kevin Greenhow (part)	Chief Inspector, Marketing and Communications
Paul Hussey (part)	Director of Strategic Development
Matt Kennerley	Acting Inspector
Nina Robinson	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

Gill Shearer, Head of Marketing and Communications

2 Minutes of meeting of 22nd December 2008

There were no open part to the last meeting

3 Declaration of any other business

Performing Rights Society Licence - Mike Thompson

Regional Serious and Organised Crime Bid – Craig Mackey

PMU Executive Report – Andy Davidson

4 Action updates

See action sheet

Action owner(s)

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5 Minutes to note

There were no minutes to note

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

Chief Officer diary commitments were noted.

b) Press issues

Chief Inspector Kevin Greenhow was welcomed to his first meeting of COG.

Local

There has been good coverage over the Christmas period around the Drink Driving campaign, Mobile Data and the New Years Honours.

National

Press coverage of the situation in Gaza could have implications locally for the police and is being monitored.

It was noted that internal and external communications around the Police Authority Budget meeting on the 21st January are being prepared.

Agenda Items

7 Participatory Budget

The invitation to run a Participatory Budget pilot was discussed and COG **agreed** not to take part at this stage.

(note: ACC Graham Sunderland joined the meeting at this point.)

8 Budget Proposals

Mike Thompson informed the group that it has become necessary to prepare proposals around council tax increases of both 4.9% and 3.9%. A discussion followed around where additional savings could be made, and it was agreed that Craig Mackey and Mike Thompson would do some work around risks and circulate to the group.

With regard to server virtualisation in the capital

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programme, Mike Thompson requested clarification of the costs, with the original cost of £195,000 having increased to £260,000. The server virtualisation business case is to be discussed later on the agenda.

9 Strategic Development Programme

Paul Hussey joined the group at this point and was welcomed to his first meeting of COG.

The paper reviewing activity from October to December, and proposing activity for January to March 2009 was considered.

Paul Hussey highlighted the main areas of work over the last three months, being

- Development of the Policing Plan
- Development and strengthening of the Performance Framework
- Reducing Bureaucracy
 - Customer Journey Mapping
 - Staff Suggestion Scheme
 - Streamlined and finalised policy framework
 - Developed Reducing Bureaucracy website
- Citizen Focus
 - Reported on autumn survey
 - Support to delivery of Policing Pledge

The options for 68 days were considered and discussed, and it was generally agreed that Citizen Focus needs to be the priority.

Graham Sunderland emphasised the role that the RESPECT campaign has to play in contributing to Citizen Focus, and the need to build on existing strengths.

Craig Mackey requested a paper considering the twelve percentage point increase in the confidence level target, for the next meeting of COG.

COG **agreed** to support the two main areas of direction for Strategic Development, being

- Citizen Focus
- Continuous Improvement.

Note: the following items were discussed out of agenda order.

10 Server Virtualisation Business Case

Since the bid for Server Virtualisation was approved at COG on the 22nd December, it has now become apparent that there is a significant shortfall and that an additional £65k is required to address networking issues. Although efficiencies have been identified it is not clear what these amount to and what the business benefits will be.

A discussion followed, and it was **agreed** that this bid will now be deferred.

11 Mobile data – discussed in Closed part of meeting

12 National Specials Memorial

Craig Mackey informed the group that there are proposals to create a national Specials Memorial in Staffordshire, and contributions of £11,000 from each force are being requested. COG **agreed** to support this.

Any other business

Performing Rights Society

Mike Thompson informed the group that the force has been approached by the PRS for payment of a licence fee covering two years up to August 2009. This licence covers the use of private radios in offices, and amounts to £44,000.

Legal advice has been sought, but it is known that Lancashire Constabulary have recently lost an action taken against them by PRS.

A discussion followed regarding the implications and it was **agreed** that before these charges are paid, a formal legal position will be sought, along with any advice or policy regarding use of private radios. Information on the wider context within other public organisations will also be sought.

PMU Executive Report

Andy Davidson tabled the PMU executive report, and it

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was requested that it be brought back to the next COG meeting as a substantive item. Andy Davidson then briefed the group on proposals to make changes to the structure and remit of the Programme Management Board.

Regional Serious and Organised Crime Bid

It was noted that Graham Sunderland will be attending a meeting tomorrow in Lancashire to discuss this.

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

Monday 19th January 2009

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