

# Chief Officer Group

27<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## Minutes

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#### Present:

<b>Craig Mackey</b>	Chief Constable
<b>Stuart Hyde</b>	Deputy Chief Constable
<b>Michelle Skeer</b>	T/Assistant Chief Constable (Crime)
<b>Andy Davidson</b>	T/Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Policing)
<b>Mike Thompson</b>	Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Joanna Bancroft</b>	Director of Personnel and Development
<b>Janet McGilloway</b>	T/Head of Marketing and Communications
<b>Terry Bathgate</b>	Det. Chief Inspector (Item 7)
<b>Hollie Mark</b>	Minute Taker

**1 Apologies for absence**

None

**2 Minutes of meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

**3 Declaration of any other business**

Budget 2009 – Mike Thompson  
ANPR – T/ACC Skeer

**4 Action updates**

Action 73 – Complete

**5 Minutes to note**

Procurement Advisory Group – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
Comment was made to a section in the minutes that implied that the garment was going to be turned down.

**Action owner(s)**

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This is not the case and more discussions and meetings are to be had.

**Action:** Media and Marketing to circulate a message on the current situation to manage people's expectations.

**Media & Marketing**

Ops Board – 14.04.09

The Efficiency plan was refreshed and the £200,000 target will be reached. The Establishment Panel raised the issue of once the target is reached what should happen to the remaining efficiencies. Justin Bibby will bring a paper outlining the exact position in regard to efficiencies for the next COG.

Resourcing and Standards Board – 21.04.09

Minutes noted.

**6 Standing Items**

**a) COG diary commitments and command cover**

Diary Commitments noted.

\* T/ACC Davidson to cover Gold when Chief Constable Mackey is in Belfast on 30.04.09 – 01.05.09 \*

**b) Press issues**

Janet McGilloway updated the Chief Officer Group with local and national press issues.

**Agenda Items**

**7 Development of the Information Compliance Unit**

Detective Chief Inspector Bathgate and T/ACC Skeer outlined the proposal for the development of the Information Compliance Unit.

The unit will comprise of 1 manager and 3 ½ members of staff. Hay grading has taken place and funding is available. Premises are available at Number 5 the Green and there will be no associated IT costs.

This will result in being totally compliant within Section 7 of MoPi. It was recommended that the Unit take over all the

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remaining MoPi actions.

Supported and all recommendations agreed.

**8 Social Networking Sites**

Janet McGilloway discussed with the Chief Officer Group the ever increasing desire to use Social Networking Sites and the options currently open to the Constabulary.

It was agreed that Media and Marketing did not have the capacity to take sole control over the management of this. There will be strict access which will be person specific.

Twitter will be the easiest to implement as there will be no firewall or capacity issues.

Approved.

**Action:** Police Authority to be informed in terms of providing a potential avenue for their consultation.

**Media & Marketing**

**Action:** To be linked to PSD regarding Raising the Standards.

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**Any other business**

**Budget 2009 – Mike Thompson;**

Mike Thompson updated the Chief Officer Group after the 2009 Budget report was published.

The Home Secretary delegated the responsibility of efficiencies to Police Authority 3% to 4% per year. Extra 1 % has to be recycled to help front line policing.

The Home Office has a new Head of Police Pensions and Finance Unit; Michael Ronberg who has showed an interest in making a visit to Cumbria. Mike Thompson to keep COG updated.

Chief Constable Mackey will update staff regarding the budget and it will be discussed at JNCC with Staff Associations.

**ANPR – T/ACC Skeer;**

RPU are due to get 10 new vehicles. An issue has arisen

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as there is no budget to move the ANPR equipment from the old vehicles to the new ones. IT do not have the skills required to do this and training costs £1500. The cost to outsource all the vehicles stands at £15,000.

It was discussed that this is clearly a specialist area and it may require a budget line.

**Action:** T/ACC Skeer and Mike Thompson to get a complete picture from the Department and look at how to move forwards.

**T/ACC Skeer/Mike  
Thompson**

**Closed agenda**

**Date of next meeting**

2pm - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

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