

Chief Officer Group

30th March 2009

Minutes

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Present:

Christine Twigg	Deputy Chief Constable
Michelle Skeer	T/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
Janet McGilloway	A/Head of Marketing and Communications
Jane Sauntson	Best Value Manager, Strategic Development (Item 7)
Hollie Mark	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

Chief Constable Mackey

2 Minutes of meeting of 16th March 2009

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

3 Declaration of any other business

Durranhill Project – PMU Staff (DCC Twigg)

4 Action updates

Action 81 – Police Authority Paper Criteria Guidance (Complete and to be removed from Action Plan)

5 Minutes to note

There were no minutes to note.

6 Standing Items

Action owner(s)

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a) COG diary commitments and command cover

Noted with one amendment, Chief Constable Mackey will be taking Chief Officer Call 10th – 11th April with Deputy Chief Constable Twigg resuming on the 12th April.

** Call sheet has been amended **

b) Press issues

Janet McGilloway updated COG with local and national press issues.

Agenda Items ** Item 8 was discussed prior to item 7 **

8 International Financial Reporting Standards

Mike Thompson discussed the reality and complexity of the accounts if they were to be prepared using the accounting policies based on the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) compared to the currently used UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

Those areas thought to experience the most significant change were discussed with Mike Thompson sighting resourcing as one of those areas as the new standards have a reliance on the ability to measure any outstanding annual leave at the year end.

Mike Thompson informed COG that discussions had taken place with Joanna Bancroft over any issues and practical implications for resourcing but other people need to be liaised with to enable further work to take place.

Action: Joanna Bancroft to discuss this at the next meeting of COG.

JB

*** Jane Sauntson joined the meeting ***

7 Local Assessment Framework for BCU's

Jane Sauntson presented the paper which was seeking approval to the revised format of the Local Inspection Manual.

Jane Sauntson discussed that the only Red Check in the

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2008-09 manual will be relating to Custody, currently meaning that an inspection could be made within one week of initial notification. BCU's will be asked which areas they would want to be red checked.

Jane Sauntson discussed that this has gone through Operations Board and is much more aligned to Corporate risks and will be moved forward through the Continuous work program.

Paper approved.

Any other business

Durranhill Project – PMU Staff

Deputy Chief Constable Twigg discussed the use of PMU staff on the Durranhill Project and the implications now that the Project will cease on the 9th April.

Action: T/ACC Davidson to speak with Martin Connolly.

AD

The last Project Board meeting will take place on the 9th April and Deputy Chief Constable Twigg praised the work done by Inspector Brown in moving people into the building.

Mike Thompson informed the Chief Officer Group that the building has been put forward for a BREEAM Excellence award for its sustainability.

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

10am – Wednesday 15th April 2009