

Chief Officer Group

Monday 1st March 2010

Minutes

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Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Stuart Hyde	Deputy Chief Constable
Michelle Skeer	Assistant Chief Constable
Jerry Graham	Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Policing)
Joanna Bancroft	Director of Personnel and Development
Mike Thompson	Director of Finance and Resources
Gill Shearer	Head of Marketing and Communications
Jane Sauntson (item 8)	Acting Head of Strategic Development
Nina Robinson	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2 Minutes of meeting of 22nd February 2010

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3 Action updates

See action sheet.

4 Declaration of any other business

Regional Single Non-Emergency Number - Michelle Skeer

5 Minutes to note

Confidence Board – the minutes from the meeting on the 12th February were noted.

Action owner(s)

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

Diary commitments were noted and discussed. Appleby Fair meetings were discussed and it was agreed that time would be set aside in an April COG meeting to discuss Appleby Fair in more detail.

b) Press issues

Gill Shearer updated the group on national and local press issues.

Policing Pledge – HMIC will publish results from the February re-inspection this week

Police Report Card – draft report card will be circulated this week, with HMIC publishing on 11th March.

Stuart Hyde thanked Gill Shearer and her team for their work on Action Fraud.

Agenda Items

(discussed out of agenda order)

7 30+ Plus Scheme

COG expressed views on the replacement 30+Plus Retention Scheme and it was referred to the next SMF for wider discussion.

8 Partnership Audit

Mike Thompson gave a brief update from the Police Authority Governance Committee where the Authority had voiced concerns relating to partnerships. Jane Sauntson gave a brief background to the Partnership Audit report.

COG noted the Police Authority concerns, but highlighted that there are two types of partnerships operating in the Constabulary; formal, strategic partnerships and a vast range of other more informal joint working arrangements and these should be viewed separately.

Strategic partnerships will always have a strategic lead, but

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this lead will differ depending on the partnership in question. It is not possible or appropriate to have one strategic lead for all partnerships, and one department can not manage all constabulary partnerships.

Jane Sauntson will return to COG in April with actions and recommendations arising out of the audit report, along with a list of strategic partnership risks. This will then go to SMF and back to the Governance Committee in May.

Gill Shearer will prepare an 'if asked' statement around the audit report.

Any other business

Regional Collaboration - Single Non-Emergency Number

Michelle Skeer provided an update to COG on the proposals being made for a regional SNEN. After discussion COG were not convinced that there is any business case to adopt a regional SNEN.

This is due to be discussed again at the ACPO Regional Collaboration meeting in April.

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

Monday 8th March, 9.30am

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