

# Chief Officer Group 2 August 2010 Minutes

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**Present:**

<b>Stuart Hyde</b>	Deputy Chief Constable
<b>Michelle Skeer</b>	Assistant Chief Constable
<b>Joanna Bancroft</b>	Director of Personnel and Development
<b>Mike Thompson</b>	Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Hollie Mark</b>	Minute Taker

**1 Apologies for absence**

Chief Constable Mackey  
Assistant Chief Constable Graham  
Gill Shearer, Head of Marketing and Communications

**2 Minutes of meeting of 19 July 2010**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

**3 Action updates**

See action sheet.

(Action 115 amended to show that it relates specifically to how the force deals with tyre changes on vehicles)

**4 Declaration of any other business**

Cycle to Work Scheme – Mike Thompson

**5 Minutes to note**

No minutes to note.

**6 Standing Items**

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

**Action owner(s)**

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These were noted and discussed.

**b) Press issues**

No update available.

**Agenda Items**

**7. BCU Fund**

It was discussed that this was the last year of the BCU fund. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting when Assistant Chief Constable Graham will be present.

**Action:** Provide a broad statement outlining what the BCU fund currently supports to assist next weeks discussions.

JB/MT

**8. Police Officer Secondments**

Joanna Bancroft raised the potential of more officers returning into force following secondments who up until now have been funded by other organisations.

**Action:** Personnel to ensure that tighter controls are put in place regarding officers leaving the force on secondment.

JB

**Any other business**

Cycle to Work Scheme – Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson raised the forthcoming change in claiming VAT back on the scheme and the potential that had individuals already been on the scheme they may have had a retrospective VAT bill.

Concerns were raised over the amount of management time which has been used in trying to implement this scheme and the potential VAT implications which made the DCLG scheme untenable.

COG agreed that if a bulk discount could be achieved on the purchase of bikes support would be given to Unison and Federation in marketing a force initiative to staff.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 9 August – 09:30