

Chief Officer Group

Monday 10 May 2010

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Stuart Hyde	Deputy Chief Constable
Michelle Skeer	Assistant Chief Constable SO
Stuart Edwards	A/ Chief Executive, Police Authority (Observer)
Joanna Bancroft	Director of Personnel and Development
Mike Thompson	Director of Finance and Resources
Jane Sauntson	Director of Strategic Development
Hollie Mark	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

Assistant Chief Constable Graham, TP
Gill Shearer, Head of Media & Marketing

2 Minutes of meeting of 27 April 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3 Action updates

Please refer to action sheet.

4 Declaration of any other business

- Joint Audit Planning meeting update – Mike Thompson
- ISIS update – Deputy Chief Constable

5 Minutes to note

JNCC – 26.04.10

Noted. Assistant Chief Constable Skeer updated that the actions pertaining to Appleby Fair and the Custody Sergeant Role had been discussed with Assistant Chief Constable Graham.

Action owner(s)

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SMF – 14.04.10

Noted. Chief Constable Mackey reminded COG members of the need to inform minute takers of the need to be aware of the publication scheme.

Strategic Training Board – 13.04.10

Noted.

6 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

Noted.

b) Press issues

No press update available.

Agenda Items

7. POLICE AUTHORITY INSPECTION

Chief Constable Mackey asked members to look at the possible case studies for the forthcoming Police Authority Inspection and provide feedback and observations to Stuart Edwards by Wednesday 12 May.

Action: Chief Officer Group to look at the case studies for the forthcoming PA inspection and feed back observations to Police Authority.

COG

8. ESTATES

Deputy Chief Constable Hyde updated the Chief Officer Group on the Constabulary's Estates Strategy and discussed the ongoing work taking place.

The Phoenix site at Barrow was discussed along with the town centre location. The benefits of both sites will be looked into to ensure that the right site is obtained.

The town centre location at Carlisle was discussed. The preferred site is the Civic Centre and it is anticipated that accommodation will be made available shortly.

Deputy Chief Constable Hyde updated that all police

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stations in the county are being looked at to see where shared sites could be used to look at the possibility of selling off some of those sites. BCUs have been involved in this work and are fully aware.

Mike Thompson highlighted the need to be mindful of value for money in any decisions.

Deputy Chief Constable Hyde discussed his aspiration to see IT and PMU working from the same site and the potential to work with the university on a shared site.

Police Houses were discussed and Chief Constable Mackey commented that it would be beneficial to know the dates at which accommodation becomes vacant.

Action: A list to be provided outlining the date at which Police Houses will become vacant.

Mike Thompson

Action: SMF to be updated at the June meeting.

DCC

9. CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Assistant Chief Constable Skeer discussed the idea of a Constabulary Christmas Service which had been raised at VIG by the Cumbria Christian Police Association.

The options for the different services were discussed and there was a general consensus that any service should be multi faith and all encompassing to enable as many people to attend. Therefore option 1 or 2 would be appropriate bringing time forward to 5pm if possible to encourage more people to attend.

It was agreed that if the above suggestions are not supported a Christian faith service could be held in one of the conference rooms at HQ, as has happened in previous years.

Action: Assistant Chief Constable Skeer to inform the CPA of the above comments.

ACC Skeer

Any other business

Joint Audit Planning meeting – Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson provided the group with an update following the Joint Audit Planning Meeting.

- As of 2011 audits of Local Government agencies in

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Cumbria will be carried out by private sector companies. This posed questions about being able to maintain the ability to rotate the auditors as had been the practice in the past.

- The use of resource assessment will be altered and in most cases will focus on value for money.
- The 2010/11 Internal Audit will have subtle changes around HR & sickness.
- Financial audit will include the smaller HQ Departments such as IT where as in the past they have focused on BCUs and the two main HQ Departments.

ISIS – Deputy Chief Constable

Deputy Chief Constable Hyde updated the Chief Officer Group on his regional meeting with IT and Finance Directors to try and create a consensual vision for ISIS. A paper will be submitted to the Regional Chief and Chairs meeting.

Date of next meeting

17 May – 0930 – Chief Constable's Office