

Chief Officer Group

12th May 2008

Minutes

OPEN

Present:

Craig Mackey	Chief Constable
Graham Sunderland	Assistant Chief Constable (Crime)
Neil Rhodes	Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Policing)
Mike Thompson	Director of Finance and Resources
Joanna Bancroft	Director of Personnel and Development
Gill Shearer (part of meeting)	Head of Marketing and Communications
Jenny Davies	Director of Strategic Development
Nina Robinson	Minute Taker

1 Apologies for absence

Deputy Chief Constable Christine Twigg

2 Minutes of meeting of 28th April 2008

The minutes of the meeting on 28th April were agreed, with the following matters arising.

Collaboration

The Director of Finance and Resources gave an update on a recent meeting of finance directors. There is some doubt as to the participation of all forces in the public order training bid, and a further meeting is to be held in a month's time.

ACC Rhodes clarified Cumbria's position, that there is only interest in collaborating on public order training. The Chief Constable suggested that Cumbria should remain involved in the debate and discussion, and agreed to discuss the issues with the Police Authority to keep them informed.

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NW Collaboration Meeting

The Chief Constable gave an update from the recent NW Collaboration meeting, where IT was discussed. The five force networks can now be linked, and business opportunities are being considered.

With regard to Airwave, there is a desire to move to a position where the regional forces can come together, although this may be affected by need for replacement of handsets.

IT directors have been asked to look at how convergence of IT practices and processes could happen, and it was recognised that recruitment in IT is a problem across the region.

Feet on the Street - Arrangements for implementation are ongoing.

Strategic Work Programme – no comments have been received by Jenny Davies so the document will now be circulated.

3 Declaration of any other business

4 Action updates

Permanent Unison Representative

CLOSED - The offer has been made to Unison.

Business Case for 2 Personnel Officers in PSCU

CLOSED – The business case will come back to COG if found.

Internet Review

CLOSED – Will be reported to COG when scoping of review complete.

Action Plans

ONGOING - Neighbourhood Policing to be discussed on this agenda, the others are ongoing.

5 Minutes to note

There were no minutes to note.

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6 Draft Local Policing Summary and Annual Report 2007- 08

The Director of Strategic Development requested comments and feedback on the Draft Local Policing Summary and Annual Report before they are presented to the Police Authority.

It was agreed that they are both good, usable documents which give a good summary of the constabulary's achievements.

ACC Sunderland raised the question of Command Team photographs in the Annual Report and it was agreed that these would be included. It was noted that the Annual Report would be placed on the internet.

The Chief Constable passed on thanks from COG for the work that had gone into producing the reports.

7 Neighbourhood Policing Action Plan

COG members were asked to consider the refreshed Neighbourhood Policing Action Plan. It was agreed that in section A,1 the Chief Officer Lead for recruitment should be the Deputy Chief Constable. It was also agreed to change the deadline for definition of Community Intelligence on page 5 to April 2009.

The Action Plan was agreed, subject to a detailed debate on action ownership. It was also agreed that the plan will be reviewed every six months in line with the corporate work programme.

8 Mobile Data Update

The Chief Constable informed the group that notification has been received from NPIA that the mobile data bid has been unsuccessful.

COG expressed their disappointment at the decision and the Chief Constable agreed to write to the NPIA to communicate this.

ACTION: ACC Rhodes, together with Supt Connolly, to draft a letter to NPIA expressing COG's disappointment at the decision on Cumbria's bid for Mobile Data funding.

ACC TP

A discussion followed on how to progress use of Mobile Data now, and it was agreed that a structured long term business case is required.

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ACTION: ACC Rhodes to task Supt Connolly, in conjunction with the finance department, to produce specific proposals for Mobile Data to be brought back to COG.

ACC TP

9 Recruitment Plan Update

After discussion it was agreed that recruitment information detailing wastage and retirement figures which is supplied to RSB should be supplied to the Senior Management Forum, for the next meeting only.

10 Forensics Services

It was agreed to defer the update on forensics services until the next meeting.

11 Devolved Resource Management

The Director of Finance and Resources gave a summary of the proposals to amend the DRM scheme, and informed the group that the Treasury to the Police Authority has agreed to cosign the paper and it will be presented to the PA Governance Committee on 13th May.

The paper was considered and approved.

12 Annual Governance Statement and Statement on systems of Internal Control 2007- 08

The Director of Finance presented the proposed SIC which has been independently certified by the auditors. The SIC will be presented to the PA Governance Committee on 13th May.

The Chief Constable thanked Mike Thompson and Jenny Davies for the work gone into producing these statements. Mike Thompson wished to add thanks to the auditor for the prompt response. It was agreed that the Chief Constable would send a letter of thanks to the auditor.

ACTION: The Director of Finance and Resources to draft a letter for the Chief Constable to send to the auditor.

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13 ACPO Summer Conference

The Conference agenda was discussed, and it was noted that as the first day coincided with the Police Authority Meeting that no one would be attending the conference that day. However both the Chief Constable and ACC Sunderland will attend the

remaining two days.

14 Standing Items

a) COG diary commitments and command cover

These were noted and discussed.

b) Press issues

(The Head of Marketing and Communications joined the meeting at this point).

The Head of Media and Marketing raised the issue of recent national media coverage on the subject of mergers. After discussion it was agreed that the message that Cumbria Constabulary is not interested in pursuing this further needs to be clearly communicated both internally and externally.

ACTION: The Chief Constable to produce a draft message regarding mergers to be sent to Gill Shearer for internal communication.

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With regard to local press issues, it was noted that extra resources are being put in to the press office to deal with media interest surrounding the recent drugs seizure case.

It was noted that the release of crime figures will take place on Wednesday, and potential problems surrounding key football matches this week were also discussed.

Any Other Business

There were no AOB items.

Closed agenda

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 28th May 2008