

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY
PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

6 JANUARY 2009

<u>PRESENT:-</u>	Ms Branton MBE in the Chair
Elected Members:-	Councillors Brookes, De Freitas and Jawaid MBE
Independent Members:-	Mr Palmerley JP and Mr Smith JP
Officers: -	Mr P Wainwright, Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business), Mr S Donald, Assistant Chief Constable (O), Mrs S Collins, Protective Services Project Manager, Mr R Gray, Strategic Development Officer (Corporate Business) and Superintendent M Wilkie, Regional Team.

The Authority met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 38 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/OFFERS OF GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY** – The Chair reminded Members of the need to record any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and to disclose any relevant receipt or offering of gifts or hospitality.

No interests were declared or disclosures made.

- 39 **APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies for absence submitted.

- 40 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2008, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

- 41 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Assistant Chief Constable (O) referred to minute 29 and advised that a DVD for the community was to be made available by the Home Office towards the end of January. The Chair requested that Members of this Committee receive copies of the DVD.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 32 and advised that the draft policing priorities had remained as reported. The priorities would be submitted to the Priorities Workshop to be held on 13 January.

In response to a query regarding minute 31 and whether the cost of the regional accommodation was included within the £750,000 allocation the Protective Services Project Manager advised that it was.

In accordance with minute 35 the Strategic Development Manager

(Corporate Business) circulated a copy of the letter from the Home Office regarding the inspection of Police “Prevent” capability. He advised that a HMIC inspection would take place on 4 and 5 February and that Mr Palmerley would be interviewed as part of this inspection. He advised that arrangements were being made for a visit to Greater Manchester Police Authority to see what role they were undertaking in relation to Prevent. The Assistant Chief Constable (O) advised that relationships were being built up with Chief Executives and that it would be an appropriate time to take account of what was happening regionally. He reported that as part of the education programme, two “Act Now” events had been planned to look at support for young people. These would be held on 16 January at the Country Park, Hessle and on 19 January at Reeds Hotel, Barton. The Police Authority would be asked to nominate representatives and Mr Palmerley had already received an invitation. The Chair requested that any Member that attended one of these events provide feedback to the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) who would report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

Resolved – That the updates be noted.

42 (19) ACTION SCHEDULE – Members received a rolling schedule of actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) commented on minute 22 and advised that the APA had advertised for a Prevent National Manager and interviews would take place during week commencing 12 January. The Assistant Chief Constable (O) reported that a meeting had been held with all 4 Chief Executives in the region and Regional Government Office at which they gave their full support for driving forward the Prevent agenda. A Gold meeting had been held with representatives of the 4 local authorities where it had been outlined what the Force was doing and what was expected from them. Divisional Security meetings had been established and the first one had taken place in Hull which had been attended by representatives of the CDRP. Members commented on the need to ensure joined up working with the LSPs and queried whether a representative of the Police Authority should attend the Divisional meetings as one way of helping to promote Prevent on agency agendas. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that work was underway regarding the possibility of allocating portfolios to Members and this could be picked up. Members referred to the links between Prevent and Neighbourhood Policing and advised that on conclusion of the Neighbourhood Policing Project Board the issue needed to be kept under consideration by the Citizen Focus Project Board. Members discussed the links between Prevent, Neighbourhood Policing and Citizen Focus and considered whether Prevent should be discussed by this Committee or by the Communities and Partnerships Committee. It was felt that as Prevent was an element of the national Contest strategy, which was about partnerships and communities, it would be more appropriate to be discussed by the Communities and Partnerships Committee with 6 monthly updates submitted to this Committee. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) commented on the need to ensure, when appointing Members to Committees at the AGM, that

there were sufficient linkages between the Communities and Partnerships Committee and this Committee.

Resolved – (a) That the action schedule and updates be noted, and (b) that Prevent issues be considered by the Communities and Partnerships Committee with 6 monthly updates submitted to this Committee.

- 43 **(20) COLLABORATION ISSUES** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the issues around collaboration following the Protective Services Workshop on 18 November 2008; the response to the Green Paper published in November 2008, and the recent draft Policing and Crime Bill which commenced in December 2008.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to paragraph 12 of the report and advised that HMIC were currently clarifying what could be done collaboratively, what was currently being collaborated on, and the next stage would be to look at what collaboration would take place in the future.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that any comments regarding a proposed regional response be submitted to the Chief Executive to be raised at the Regional Chief Executives meeting on 8 January, and (c) that further updates, as and when they become available, both locally and nationally as appropriate, be received.

- 44 **(21) FINANCIAL UPDATE – PERIOD 1-8 2008/2009** – The Chief Constable submitted a report in accordance with minute 9 that outlined the current and projected spend against the £750k funding set aside to deliver Protective Services.

The Protective Services Project Manager advised that the underspend arose largely because no invoices had yet been received from the Regional Unit. An underspend on the Regional Budget had been reported but the amount had not been clarified so this was being chased up so that the underspend on Humberside's budget could be accurately predicted and the funds allocated to high risk areas such as computer forensics, high tech crime and the Confidential Unit. Around £250k was also required for staffing for Roads Policing. She advised that although there had been a consistent underspend this could be quickly spent particularly when Roads Policing was put in place. The Chief Constable was attending a meeting on 9 January to discuss this issue. The Chair commented that according to the figures there was a potential for a £26k overspend on next year's budget. The Assistant Chief Constable (O) expressed concern that circumstances meant that the budget had to be estimated. He was concerned that the Police Authority Resources Workshop would receive information which suggested an underspend which could then turn out to be an overspend. He had discussed these concerns with the Assistant Chief Officer (Support) who was to discuss the issue of apportioning costs and recharges with other Finance Directors in the Region. It was hoped that he would report the results to the Resources Workshop on 14 January. The Chair suggested that the issue of recharges could also be picked up via JPAC.

Members discussed the cost and returns from joint working. The Assistant Chief Constable (O) commented that joint working was about shared responsibility for problems that affected more than one Force area rather than just getting returns on investments which were difficult to quantify. To re-iterate this the Chair requested that the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) re-circulate the original letter from Tony McNulty that first suggested the establishment of a Joint Police Authorities Committee.

A Member raised the issue of crime levels in North East Lincolnshire and it was suggested that the Resourcing Model needed to be run again. The Chair advised that this matter would be raised at the Chairs Strategy Group.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that an update on Strategic Roads Policing be submitted to the next meeting.

- 45 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** – **Resolved** - That in accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, minutes 46 to 49, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 46 **(22) REVIEW OF HMIC REPORT – “GETTING ORGANISED”** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that detailed the initial findings from the recently released report from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) on the police service’s response to serious and organised crime.

Reference was made to HMIC recommendation j, relating to performance management, and it was queried how information on community impact could be obtained. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that this would be clarified with HMIC.

Members discussed the timing of the report and the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that he would submit an action plan to the next meeting of this Committee.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that an action plan and National Protective Services Assessment Tool information be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee, and (c) that further updates be received as and when they become available both locally and nationally as appropriate.

- 47 **(23) HIGHLIGHT REPORT** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided an update on the progress being made by both the Protective Services Project Board and the Joint Regional Programme.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

- 48 **(24) UPDATE ON THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES HIGH RISK AREAS** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided an update on the Force position in relation to Protective Services high risk areas.

The Protective Services Project Manager advised that the Protective Services Project Board, on which the Chair and the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) sat, considered all risks and queried how Members wished to deal with this area in the future. Following discussion it was felt that half hour sessions on conclusion of these meetings to consider specific high risk areas in detail would be useful. The Protective Services Project Manager indicated that it may also be useful to report to Members, during these sessions, on some of the closed low level risks. The Assistant Chief Constable (O) queried whether performance management frameworks needed to be developed for each of the high risk areas and the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) indicated that this would be included in the Priorities Workshop to be held on 13 January.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that half hour workshop sessions be held on conclusion of these meetings in order to consider, in detail, specific areas of risk.

- 49 **PRESENTATION – UPDATE ON REGIONAL UNIT** – Superintendent Wilkie attended the meeting and gave a presentation outlining (i) a Special Operations Unit that had been established to provide an undercover policing facility for the 4 Forces in the region; (ii) the restructuring of the Regional Intelligence Unit, and (iii) the formation of a Covert Internet Investigation Team. He also commented on the involvement of the Unit in National Working Groups and on national issues including e-crime, computer forensics, telephony and witness protection.

Resolved – That the update be noted.