

**HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY**  
**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**8 JULY 2008**

**PRESENT:-** Mr Smith JP in the Chair

**Elected Members:-** Brookes, De Freitas and Jawaid MBE

**Officers: -** Mr P Wainwright, Performance and Resources Manager, Mr A Leaver, Assistant Chief Constable (OS), Mr M Wilkie, Superintendent, Regional Team, Mrs S Collins, Protective Services Project Manager and Ms Nicola Adamson, Police Constable, Protective Services Project.

The Authority met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 1 **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.
- 2 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were received from Ms Branton MBE and Mr Palmerley JP.
- 3 **MINUTES – Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2008, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.
- 4 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) referred to paragraph 36b and advised that information was awaited on the venues to be used for the Olympic Games.

The Performance and Resources Manager advised in relation to minute 38, the delays in the processing of Criminal Records Bureau checks, that a visit had been arranged for 22 July to allow Members to ask questions in relation to the three contributing factors highlighted, namely, i) numbers of people, ii) quality of information and iii) IT. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) updated Members that the backlog had been reduced over the last few months from in excess of 7000 outstanding checks to 2900.

**Resolved** – That the updates be noted.

- 5 **(1) ACTION SCHEDULE** – Members received a rolling schedule of actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee.

In relation to minute 40, the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) advised that he had advised Chief Officers of the concerns expressed by Members in relation to the ambitious timelines set within the draft phased implementation plan. The Protective Services Project Manager advised that slippage on the proposed timeframes had already occurred.

The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) advised Members in relation to minute 36 that the Force had failed with both funding bids for the Humber Portal Security Unit. He advised that the Unit would be funded through existing resources with the possible need for a business case to be submitted to the Police Authority at some time in the future. In response to queries from Members, the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) assured that the bids had failed due to the competition that they had faced, not through poor presentation or quality. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) went on to advise that the ports on the West coast were historically regarded as at greater threat to those on the East. Following Members' requests, he agreed to establish how the money had been divided between those areas that had been successful in their bids for funding. Following a suggestion from a Member, the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) also agreed to seek involvement from local Members of Parliament should future bids of this nature be submitted.

**Resolved** – That the action schedule and updates be noted.

- 6 **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, minute 7, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 7 **PRESENTATION – SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT** – Superintendent Mark Wilkie (Regional Team) provided Members with a presentation on the Special Operations Unit, advising of the effects both locally and regionally, cost implications and areas for development.

Members thanked Superintendent Wilkie for the presentation and suggested that he attend a further meeting in approximately six to nine months time to provide an update on the Unit.

**Resolved** – (a) That the presentation be noted, and (b) that Superintendent

Wilkie attend a further meeting in approximately six to nine months time to provide an update on the Unit.

- 8      **(2) UK THREAT ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME 2008/09** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that informed Members of the key findings from the unrestricted version of the UK Threat Assessment of Serious Organised Crime 2008/09.

A Member advised of comments made at a Police Authority public meeting expressing concerns with regards to the Force's prioritisation of drugs issues; the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) assured that although this issue was not always a priority for Local Policing Teams, it was one of the most significant areas of activity for the Major Crime Unit.

**Resolved** – That the report be noted.

- 9      **(3) FINANCIAL UPDATE** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided Members with information on the 'spend to date' of the £750k revenue provision to deliver Protective Services.

In response to queries from a Member, the Protective Services Project Manager advised that i) in accordance with the rules on such matters, the £750,000 allocated for the 2007/08 period had been returned to the Police Authority as a planned spend had not been in place for this period; ii) the Regional Team Running Costs for 2007/08 had been included within the 2008/09 figures as the invoice had just been received, and iii) future reports may be split into sub headings to allow Members to clearly see the specific areas where the money had been spent.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that this matter be a standing item at future Protective Services Committee meetings and include projected future costs.

- 10     **(4) POLICING PROTOCOL** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that informed Members of the recent draft Protocol developed by the Ministry of Defence to better define the relationship between the Ministry of Defence Police, Service Police, Home Office Police Forces, British Transport Police and Civil Nuclear Police and outlined the views of the Association of Police Authorities on the Protocol.

Following a Member's query on the implications of the Protocol for Humberside, the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) advised that as there had not been any significant changes to the existing Protocol and due to the high level of the document, there would not be any noticeable effects at ground level.

**Resolved** – That details of the final Protocol be submitted to a future meeting.

- 11 **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 12 and 13, 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.

- 12 **(5) 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.

The Protective Services Project Manager introduced the report to Members and provided updates on the Regional Mobilisation Project, including the Olympics, and the Employment Framework. The Protective Services Project Manager advised of five possible ways for the Regional Team's employment framework to be structured and advised that these options would be discussed further at the Chief Constables' Visioning Day scheduled for 18 July 2008 with a final decision planned to be made at the Regional Programme Board on 22 July.

**Resolved** – That the report be noted.

- 13 **(6) RISK ASSESSMENT – EMERGING THEMES** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided an update on the emerging themes resulting from the gap analysis of Protective Services.

The Protective Services Project Manager introduced the report to Members and advised that the HMIC Table Top document would be accessible by all Members within the Authority's library. She informed Members that the HMIC planned to conduct field visits in the near future (including visits to Police Authority Members) to determine the plans that the Force had in place in relation to Protective Services. She encouraged Members to familiarise themselves with the document in readiness for these visits.

**Resolved** – That the report be noted.