

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

**9 SEPTEMBER 2008**

- PRESENT:-** Ms Branton MBE in the Chair
- Elected Members:-** Brookes, De Freitas, Jawaid MBE, Uzzell
- Magistrate Members:-** Mr Palmerley JP and Mr Smith JP
- Officers: -** Mr K Sharp, Chief Executive Designate, Mr J Bates, Director of Performance and Resources, Mr A Leaver, Assistant Chief Constable (OS), Mr I Furlong, Chief Superintendent, Corporate Development Branch, Mr P Walker, Superintendent, Community Safety Unit, Mrs S Collins, Protective Services Project Manager and Ms Rebecca Craven, Protective Services Project.

The Authority met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 14 **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.
- 15 **APOLOGIES** – No apologies for absence were submitted.
- 16 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2008, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.
- 17 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Director of Performance and Resources referred to paragraph 4 and advised that the Force were working with the Local Authorities to ensure that any risks were highlighted with the sites that were being considered for local training and holding camps for the Olympic Games.

The Chair referred to item 7 and advised that she had attended an update meeting with Supt Wilkie in relation to the work of the Special Operations Unit. A report was due to be submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Police Authorities Committee (JPAC).

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

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

The Chair informed Members that the Serious and Organised Crime team were not scheduled to move to their new premises until January 2009 and advised that she would raise this issue at the next meeting of JPAC. She commented on the positive work linked to the Serious and Organised Crime team conducted by Humberside Police that had been considered as best practice.

The Director of Performance and Resources confirmed that the next meeting of the Protective Services Committee was to be held Tuesday 18 November, 1:30pm – 4:30pm.

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

- 19 **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 20, 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.

- 20 **DVD – ‘THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY’** – Representatives of the Crime Management Branch introduced a restricted DVD that provided an overview of ‘Threat to National Security’ to Members and advised that Humberside had acted as a pilot for exercises 18 months ago; these exercises were now being conducted nationally and were largely unchanged from the work undertaken by the Humberside Force. Members viewed the DVD. Crime Management Branch would show the DVD to Humberside officers to refresh the work that they had initially undertaken.

C/Supt Furlong advised of a draft Prevent Strategy document and delivery plan that was being developed; Prevent is one of the key elements of the Government’s Counter Terrorism Strategy. Members commented on, given the diverse backgrounds of those involved within terrorist groups, the importance in ensuring that every community was supported and the good practice highlighted within the DVD being shared by all communities.

Following a discussion in relation to the DVD, the Chief Executive Designate suggested that the matter be referred to the Communities and Partnerships Committee to consider whether the Authority would wish to carry out a consultation exercise within communities to establish whether they felt they were receiving adequate support from the Force and/or to liaise with the Force to establish the work being conducted to ensure this support was provided. A Member suggested that this be the subject of a future Communities and Partnerships Thematic Panel.

The Director of Performance and Resources advised that the Home Office were developing an unclassified DVD to help to explain Prevent to partners.

He commented on the importance of Police Authorities working with Local Authorities to ensure the existence of a common awareness on the Prevent initiative.

**Resolved** – (a) That the contents of the DVD be noted, and (b) that the Communities and Partnerships Committee consider at a future Thematic Panel whether the Authority would wish to consult with local communities to establish whether they felt they were receiving adequate support from the Force.

- 21 **(8) FINANCIAL UPDATE – PERIOD 1-4 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 Director of Performance and Resources updated Members in respect of paragraph 4 and advised that following a meeting between the Regional Finance Accountant and the Treasurers and Force Finance Directors in the Region, a template was being developed to ensure consistence in reporting on budget monitoring arrangements. This would impact on the way financial information was presented to future meetings.

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

- 22 **(9) PREVENT POLICING** – The Director of Performance and Resources submitted a report that informed Members of the issues around and the implementation of Prevent policing. The report outlined the strategy, success criteria and the expected roles of police authorities and highlighted the work being undertaken nationally to raise the profile of Prevent with partner organisations.

Superintendent Walker provided Members with an update on the work being developed locally around Prevent from a force-perspective advising (i) that two new posts had been established within D Division, namely a Counter Terrorism Intelligence Officer and a Counter Terrorism Community Engagement Officer however funding had not been established to allow the creation of these positions within the other three divisions; (ii) that the Force were looking to involve the Force Independent Advisory Group to advise on some of the processes; (iii) that assistance was required in respect of engaging with Local Authorities; (iv) that the Force were looking at the possibility of security clearing Local Authority Chief Executives to enable sharing of certain intelligence; (v) that a Prevent Board was to be established to be underpinned by divisional level boards, and (vi) that there would be a need for a member of the Police Authority to sit on the Prevent Board.

The Director of Performance and Resources informed Members that discussions had been held at the Communities and Partnerships Committee with regards to engaging with hard to reach groups and building on partnership working with the Local Authorities including the Local Strategic Partnerships and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships. He also

commented on discussions with other Police Authorities within the Region and on the need for a position statement to be prepared in respect of Prevent within Humberside so that this could be used in developing a picture of activity across the Region.

**Resolved** – (a) That a strategic document be produced and submitted to the next meeting of the Communities and Partnerships Committee to clarify the expected role of Police Authorities in respect of Prevent Policing ; (b) that details of the HMIC inspection of Prevent be received when the report is available; (c) that details of the APA Prevent Strategy and the new APA Prevent National Manager be received at the next meeting of this Committee; (d) that an update be received at the next meeting of this Committee on progress with Prevent both locally and nationally including a position statement for Humberside, and (e) that Mr Clive Palmerley be nominated to sit on the Prevent Board.

**23**        **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 24 and 25, 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.

**24**        **(10) 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 an updated position in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and detailed progress on the Strategic Roads Policing Project.

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

**25**        **(11) REMAINING HIGH-RISK AREAS UPDATE** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that updated Members on the progress made to date in finding a solution to the high risks identified as a result of the Micro Analysis into Protective Services.

The Protective Services Project Manager introduced the report to Members and advised that the indexing capability referred to at paragraph 12, bullet point 4 of the report had been resolved.

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