

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

**12 MAY 2009**

**PRESENT:-** Ms Branton MBE in the Chair

**Elected Members:-** Councillors De Freitas and Hull

**Independent Members:-** Mr Palmerley JP

**Officers: -** Mr P Wainwright, Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business), Mr A Leaver, Assistant Chief Constable (OS), Mrs S Collins, Protective Services Project Manager and Mr R Gray, Strategic Development Officer (Corporate Business)

The Authority met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

60 **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.

61 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Brookes, Councillor Jawaid MBE and Mr Smith JP.

62 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2009, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

63 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 56 and the issue of vetting levels for Members and advised that this was ongoing.

A Member requested an update in relation to minute 54; the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) informed Members that a Central Traffic Team had been established as outlined at the meeting in March and commented that initial signs had been positive. He advised that a more comprehensive update would be provided to Members in July.

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

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

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 43 and advised that he had attended the National Collaboration and Protective Services seminar with the Chair and the Deputy Chief Constable on 24 April 2009. Speakers had discussed the 4% Efficiency Saving, the Protective Services Improvement Plan and had advised that the 2009/11 dates within the McNulty letter were still in place. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) informed Members that a new National Protective Services framework and Board had been established however he advised that he had not yet seen anything from them. He commented that the strong message from the seminar had been that the ultimate responsibility rested with forces and police authorities locally in respect of the protective services agenda however the Chair added that there was no funding available for improvements to this area and information had not been provided as to how authorities and forces could 'raise their game'.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 54 and advised that he would either send Members an extract of the cohesion report that had been considered by JPAC or alternatively would provide an update at the next meeting of the Committee.

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

- 65      **(31) FINANCIAL POSITION – PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND REGIONAL WORKING PROJECT** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that gave an update on the financial position of the Protective Services project and the Regional Working project. The financial information contained in the report was based on period 12 (March 2009) outturn figures.

The Chair referred to minute 19 and advised that the Finance Committee were to meet on 19 May, not 31 May as stated in the report.

Members noted that the report showed little difference from the previous report that had been submitted. Members requested that these reports continue to be received in the event of a Committee structure change at the Authority's AGM in June.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that 'Financial Position – Protective Services and Regional Working Project' reports continue to be received in the event of a Committee structure change at the Authority's AGM in June.

- 66      **(32) CONTEST COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that provided Members with details of the 'Contest Strategy'; the new strategy announced by the Home Secretary on 24 March for countering international terrorism.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised Members that the strategy was the second of its kind. He referred to paragraph 12 of the report and Members were advised that a Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) had already been established within A Division. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) advised that a meeting had also been held in D Division and

assured that meetings would soon be held within the other two divisions if they hadn't already taken place.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) informed Members of the Crowded Places consultation document and advised that it had more relevance to Local Authorities, designers and town planners than to police authorities. The Councillor Members present agreed and advised that the document featured on the agendas for their authorities to assist them in the 'planning out' of crime.

In response to a Member's query in relation to the work being conducted on the Pursue, Protect and Prepare elements of the strategy, the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) advised that these areas were being dealt with within Special Branch. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that the Special Branch Chief Inspector would attend the September meeting of the Committee to provide Members with an update in relation to the Pursue, Protect and Prepare elements in addition to performance issues, Rich Picture etc. The Chair advised that she received regular updates in relation to Pursue, Protect and Prepare.

A Member suggested in relation to the Crowded Places consultation document and the work conducted by local authorities to design out crime that the Force could offer specialist training to planning officers in respect of protective services issues. The Protective Services Project Manager advised Members of Project Argus; an operation that had provided a wide range of sectors from managerial to floor staff with a presentation on security matters. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) advised that he would liaise with Local Authorities with a view to providing specialist training to planners and would report on progress at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that he would write to the four Local Authorities to seek information on how they were responding to the Crowded Places consultation document.

In accordance with minute 53, Members viewed a DVD on national security that had been produced as a tool for communities by the Home Office for the Central Office of Information. Members commended the DVD and suggested that it would be useful for IAGs and meetings of Local Authorities to view. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that he would obtain copies of the DVD for Members of the Committee and would also pass contact details to the Protective Services Project Manager to allow the Force to obtain further copies. Members expressed their disappointment on the lack of involvement from Crimestoppers in respect of the reporting of protective services issues.

The Strategic Development Manager and Officer (Corporate Business) were thanked for making the DVD available to the Committee.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that the Special Branch Chief Inspector attend the September meeting of the Committee to provide Members with an update in relation to the Pursue, Protect and Prepare

elements in addition to performance issues, Rich Picture etc; (c) that the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) liaise with Local Authorities with a view to providing specialist training to planners and report on progress at the next meeting of the Committee, and (d) that the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) write to the four Local Authorities to seek information on how they were responding to the Crowded Places consultation document.

- 67      **(33) HMIC – QUALITY ASSURANCE VISIT** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that updated Members on the Quality Assurance visit undertaken by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) in February 2009 in respect of civil contingencies, critical incidents and public order.

The Chair spoke of the lessons learned as a result of the floods experienced across the region that had then been applied to future incidents such as the unexploded bomb in Howden. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) commented on the strong communication links that existed between the Chair and the Force when incidents such as these occurred.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that a further report on progress be submitted as appropriate.

- 68      **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 item of business, minute 69, 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.

- 69      **(34) HIGHLIGHT REPORT** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that provided an overview of the progress to date in relation to Regional Working.

Following the request of a Member, the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) provided an update in relation to Operation Impact that was due to commence in June and advised that a report would be submitted in due course to advise of progress.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that a progress report be submitted in due course in relation to Operation Impact.

**WORKSHOP** – Following the meeting, an informal workshop was held to discuss Business Continuity/Contingency Planning (URN 38/110).