

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY
PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

17 MARCH 2009

<u>PRESENT:-</u>	Ms Branton MBE in the Chair
Elected Members:-	Councillors Brookes, Hull and Jawaid MBE.
Independent Members:-	Mr Palmerley JP and Mr Smith JP
Officers: -	Mr P Wainwright, Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business), Mr A Leaver, Assistant Chief Constable (OS) and Mrs S Collins, Protective Services Project Manager.

The Authority met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 50 **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.

- 51 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor De Freitas.

- 52 **MINUTES – Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2009, having been printed and circulated amongst Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

- 53 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 41 and advised that the community DVDs had not arrived and that he would check on progress.

Resolved – That the updates be noted.

- 54 **(25) 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 41 regarding the “Act Now” event and Mr Palmerley reported on the content and aim of the event. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that it had been suggested on feedback forms that it would be useful to conduct the event in schools, although as the event had been bought as a package from Lancashire, it would perhaps need to be amended slightly to better reflect the make up of communities in the

Humberside area. He further suggested that it may be useful for Inspector Paul Bates, who had been involved in running the event, to report back to the Communities and Partnerships Committee. Reference was made to a report on cohesion that was to be submitted to the next JPAC meeting and the Chair advised that feedback on consideration of that item by JPAC would be given to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) referred to minute 44 in relation to Strategic Roads Policing and advised that a Central Traffic Team would be established from 1 April 2009. The Team would be based in each of the 4 Divisions but commanded from the Centre which would enable better co-ordination, an improved presence at the ports and a greater ability to be effectively involved in the Regional network. The Chair requested that a report be submitted to the July meeting of this Committee on progress.

Members discussed the use of ANPR and the Assistant Chief Constable (OS) commented on the excellent usage of ANPR within Humberside and on the sophisticated database that was held by the Force. He commented on the commitment of 6 posts to the Regional Team in the next financial year and on the sharing of expertise.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 46 regarding the National Protective Services Assessment Tool and advised that this was a tool used by HMIC. In relation to Humberside the assessment was good, however, 2 areas of concern, rape and domestic homicide, were highlighted. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) commented on the high rate of domestic homicide in Humberside, for which conviction rates were excellent, and on the amount of work, with partners including local authorities and voluntary organisations, that was ongoing to try to tackle domestic abuse in the area. He also commented on the number of serious sexual assaults, including rape, and advised that the conviction rate in this area was higher than the national average. He referred to the management of sex offenders and advised that this would be discussed in greater detail at the end of the meeting.

Resolved – (a) That the action schedule and updates be noted; (b) that feedback be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee following consideration of the cohesion report be JPAC, and (c) that a report outlining the progress made in relation to the establishment of the Central Traffic Team be submitted to the July meeting of this Committee.

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(26) 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 10 (January 2009) outturn figures.

The Protective Services Project Manager advised that it was hoped that all issues relating to invoicing and recharging would be resolved in March/April and the Chair requested that an update be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

Members referred to South Yorkshire Police Authority's decision to further consider taking on the lead HR role in relation to the Regional Team and commented on the importance of clarifying the terms and conditions of those working regionally.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that an update on invoicing/recharging issues be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

- 56 **(27) STRATEGIC POLICING POLICY NETWORK** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that provided an update on the key regional and national issues from both the APA (Association of Police Authorities) and the Regional Strategic Policing Policy Network meetings.

Members discussed the issue of vetting levels for Members and the need for consistency but also whether, as suggested recently by HMIC, certain Members holding special areas of responsibility required to be vetted to a higher level. The Assistant Chief Constable (OS) suggested that the Chief Executive discuss the issue with the Force Vetting Officer who would be able to advise on appropriate levels of vetting. The Chair advised that this matter was the subject of national debate.

The Chair referred to paragraph 4 of the report relating to the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) and suggested that it would be useful for this Committee to receive an update on progress.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that views on the key issues be used to influence future discussions regionally and nationally, and (c) that further updates, including an update on SOCA, be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

- 57 **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 58 and 59, 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.

- 58 **(28) “GET SMART: PLANNING TO PROTECT”** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that detailed the feedback provided by the HMI critical friend report (which examined the planning process for Protective Services) and gave an update on the plan to embed this planning process into business as usual, enabling the development of a regional plan.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that he would circulate a copy of the “Get Smart: Planning to Protect” report that had been published by HMIC.

It was suggested that it may be useful for a representative of the NPIA to address a future meeting of this Committee.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted, and (b) that arrangements be made for a representative of the NPIA to address a future meeting of this Committee.

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

The Protective Services Project Manager gave a verbal update relating to the Employment Framework and the Head of Crime Working Group.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

THANKS – At the conclusion of the meeting the Chair thanked Mrs Collins, Protective Services Project Manager, and Mr Wainwright, Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business), for their work involved in supporting this Committee.

WORKSHOP – Following the meeting, an informal workshop was held to discuss the risk management of offenders.