

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

STRATEGIC POLICING COMMITTEE

27 OCTOBER 2009

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| <u>PRESENT:-</u> | Mr Southern in the Chair |
| Elected Members:- | Councillor Hull |
| Independent Members:- | Mrs Groves, Mr Palmerley JP, Mr Shipley and Mr Smith JP |
| Officers: - | Mr K Sharp, Chief Executive, Mr P Wainwright, Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business), Mr D Griffin, Deputy Chief Constable, Mr Andy Barnes, Special Branch Chief Inspector and Ms Emma Ahern, Force Business Manager, Strategic Change Unit. |

The Committee met at Pacific Exchange, Kingston upon Hull.

- 13 **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.
- 14 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Ms Branton MBE and Councillors Rudd and Uzzell.
- 15 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009, having been printed and circulated amongst the Members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.
- 16 **UPDATE ON THE MINUTES** – The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 6 and advised that a further letter had been received from HMIC on 21 September in relation to Rounded Assessments and a meeting had been held with HMIC, the Chair and Chief Executive to set a baseline for the assessment. Members were advised that the ‘Protection from Serious Harm’ domain would be scored as part of the rounded assessments and that Scorecards would be updated to reflect the data sets that will be used. The Deputy Chief Constable, in response to a comment from a Member, advised that further to data analysis by the Home Office and HMIC, the Force had looked specifically at ‘serious harm from assaults’ and how such incidents were recorded and assured Members that the Force had scored particularly well in the recording of the ‘most serious violence’ category. Members discussed the recording and handling of these incidents and the impact that it potentially had on public confidence.

Resolved – That the updates be noted.

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

Members were provided with an Internal Report that gave an update on Operation Impact (minute 3 refers).

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) referred to minute 58 and advised that a report on the Criminal Records Bureau had been received at the full meeting of the Police Authority and had subsequently been included within the Scorecard for this Committee.

Resolved – That the action schedule and updates be noted.

- 18 **(11) SCORECARD 2009/10 – QUARTER 2** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that examined the Scorecard for the second quarter of 2009/2010 in respect of the Strategic Policing Committee.

In response to Members' requests for focus to be maintained on the 'Most Serious Violence' category, the Deputy Chief Constable advised that this category had featured at the last Performance Conference hosted by the Deputy Chief Constable. Divisional Commanders had reported on a number of additional Most Serious Violence Crimes that had happened across the Force area during July and August that had pushed the figure up for this quarter. Although recording practices had been looked at it was thought that the rise in figures was a temporary fluctuation due to these incidents.

Members discussed knife crime and the Deputy Chief Constable assured that Humberside had relatively low figures compared to our most similar and neighbouring forces.

In relation to discussions on Asset Recovery, the Deputy Chief Constable advised that a "Why Should They" campaign was due to be launched to encourage people to report these crimes to Crimestoppers. The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that Alene Branton, as lead member for Asset Management had visited the Economic Crime/Financial Investigation Unit Inspector and was reassured with the work that was being undertaken by the unit.

Further to discussions on the figures within the Strategic Roads Policing section, the Deputy Chief Constable informed Members of a new framework of performance indicators that had been compiled for the region and advised that Gill Bardsley from the Regional Programme Team was condensing this framework into a single page document. Members agreed that this document be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee as an annex to the Scorecard to provide further context to the figures.

In response to a Member's query on the significant drop of 'driver behaviour offences dealt with' the Deputy Chief Constable explained that the regional

team were tasked to a range of activities and that these may vary from one quarter to the next.

A Member commented on the weight restrictions for lorries in this country being lower than that of those from the continent and queried the work that was being conducted within the ports; the Deputy Chief Constable advised that he would find out this information and either update at the next meeting of this Committee or advise the Member individually.

Following a meeting with the Unit Manager responsible for the Criminal Records Bureau checks, the Deputy Chief Constable advised that the figure of 4695 detailed within the report had since dropped to 4407 and was continuously being reduced. Members were assured that improvements had been made to the systems used and these were now embedded and effective.

Resolved – (a) That the report and accompanying Scorecard be noted; (b) that the new framework of Strategic Roads Policing performance indicators (condensed document) be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee as an annex to the Scorecard, and (c) that the Deputy Chief Constable provide an update in relation to the work being conducted by the Ports in respect of the differences in weight restrictions for lorries between this country and the continent.

19 **LEAD MEMBER UPDATES** – All Members provided an update in relation to the work they had completed within their lead area.

Mr Andrew Smith, Lead Member for Strategic Roads Policing advised of the following meetings that he had attended since the last meeting of the Committee; i) Roads Crime Section and the Traffic Section - positive feedback had been received following the 1 April centralisation. He highlighted accommodation concerns within A Division however and advised that he may revisit in six months; ii) Collision Investigation Manager - informed of positive partnership working, and iii) Regional Roads Policing Team (also visit to Highways Agency) – Humberside were fully integrated within the Regional Team with six Humberside officers included within the team headcount.

Mr John Shipley, Lead Member for Data Quality advised that he had plans to visit both the Crime and Incident Audit Team and also the Programme Management Unit. He advised Members that he may reengage with the Mobile Data Project and informed that he would conduct some work in relation to Serious Violent Crime Data Quality and feed this back to the next meeting of the Committee.

Mrs Groves, Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Planning and Change Management advised that she had met with the Force Business Manager in relation to corporate planning and strategy and would shortly be meeting the Chief Inspector of the Business Change Unit.

Councillor Hull, Lead Member for Civil Contingencies, advised that following

the publication of a HMI report into Critical Risk Management, he had met with the Chief Superintendent (Operations Branch Manager) where he had been reassured with the work being conducted and advised that he would report back to this Committee in due time.

Mr Palmerley, Lead Member for Counter Terrorism, advised that he had visited the Chief Inspector for Special Branch where he had been briefed on the structure and procedures in place within Special Branch and had discussed both the Contest and Prevent Strategies.

Mr Southern, Lead Member for Collaboration and Shared Services informed Members of the conclusion of the Protective Services Project and advised that he would revisit this in six months.

The Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) provided an update on the Lead Area of Serious and Organised Crime/Major Crime/Public Order/Asset Recovery in the absence of Ms Branton MBE. He advised that Ms Branton MBE had attended a number of Serious and Organised Crime meetings with both the Crime Management Branch and the Regional Team. He also informed of Ms Branton's meeting with the Economic Crime/Financial Investigation Unit Inspector also referred to at minute 18.

- 20 **(12) FORCE STRATEGIC PUBLIC PROTECTION REVIEW** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that informed of the current review that had been commissioned in relation to the way in which the Protecting Vulnerable Persons agenda was delivered operationally and strategically in Force.

Following concerns raised by a Member, the Strategic Development Manager (Corporate Business) advised that the Crime Management Branch Unit Manager had confirmed that the matter of training would feature within the review.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted; (b) that a further update, including issues raised and an appropriate implementation plan, be submitted on completion of the review.

- 21 **(13) REGIONAL COLLABORATION INTO THE FUTURE** – The Chief Executive submitted a report that gave an update on the future of regional collaboration and sought views on, and endorsement of, proposals for change to the current arrangements, and the Regional Strategy for Efficiency and Productivity through collaboration. The draft Regional Strategy and a summary of the recommendations were attached as appendices to the report.

Members scrutinised the report and commented that: i) further clarity was needed on the scale of collaboration with doubts expressed as to the inclusion of the statement of 40% efficiency gains; ii) the timescales within the report did not demonstrate a real sense of urgency; iii) there was a lack of finance information to support the proposals; iv) they had a level of scepticism in relation to the 'specialist support' to be brought in and suggested that the terms of reference for the working group could be

enhanced to cover this work; v) further clarity was required on the funding available – is the funding for ‘specialist support’ or for a Deputy Chief Constable role; vi) financial clarification was required for paragraph 7 of the recommendations summary as this suggested that executive members of the Regional Collaboration Executive would work full time in that capacity.

Members summarised that gaps existed in relation to timeliness, clarity and finance and it was suggested that the four JPAC members meet before the next meeting of JPAC to further discuss the proposals outlined within the report.

Resolved – (a) That the four Humberside Police Authority Members of JPAC meet to further discuss the Strategy with a view to highlighting any comments that can be submitted to the next JPAC meeting ; (b) that the principle direction contained within the Strategy be endorsed taking into account the concerns highlighted above, and (c) that the proposals contained within the 19 recommendations of the report of the Regional Programme Director be noted taking into account the concerns highlighted above.

22 (14) STRATEGIC CHANGE PROGRAMME – The Chief Constable submitted a report that detailed the current status of the strategic programme of work which was designed to realise the Chief Constable’s mission of delivering outstanding policing for all our communities.

Members discussed the one exception highlighted in the report in respect of the Mobile Data project and were informed that although a pilot scheme had been planned to uncover any practical problems, government funding had become available that inevitably included a number of timescales and targets. A Member commented that he would like the pilot to be carried through to its conclusion.

A Member commented on the cultural issues highlighted by the Force in relation to low take up of the devices in general and particularly the greater take up of these devices by the older generation and suggested that this may be due to a number of useability issues that had not been analysed, adding that the younger generation would expect such technology to be a lot faster and more responsive than the units could offer.

Members discussed each programme of work contained within the report and in relation to ‘Origin’ were advised that the completion date of March 2011 had been set as this was when the project team were in place until; the project would then be reviewed at this time. The Deputy Chief Constable suggested that this matter be discussed at a future meeting of JPAC to recommend that all four authorities consider implementing the same system following concerns that two of the authorities were looking at alternative options.

In response to concerns expressed by a Member, the Force Business Manager advised that any potential risks would be flagged up to the Lead Member for Change Management and also detailed within future reports.

Resolved – (a) That the progress of the Projects within the Strategic Change Programme be noted; (b) that further reports be received by this Committee in due course.

- 23 **(15) CHANGE TO PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROJECT APPROACH IN RESPECT OF McNULTY** – The Chief Constable submitted a report that advised that it had previously been agreed that, following a letter from the Police Minister in 2007 in relation to Protective Services, the Force should work towards meeting but not exceeding the ACPO Minimum Threshold Standards. The report consulted on a change to this approach and sought approval that the Force and Police Authority agree that not all elements of the ACPO Minimum Threshold Standards would be met.

Resolved – That the new approach, in line with the requirement set out in the McNulty letter, be endorsed and approved.

- 24 **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 23, 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.

- 25 **PRESENTATION – COUNTER TERRORISM UPDATE FROM CRIME MANAGEMENT BRANCH** – The Special Branch Chief Inspector gave a presentation that updated Members on the work being conducted within the Crime Management Branch.

The Special Branch Chief Inspector provided an overview of Pursue, Protect and Prepare and informed Members that following an inspection in the Spring, the Force had scored very well for their work on Prevent. He advised that briefings had been conducted in relation to Prepare that had been completed via the Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs).

The Special Branch Chief Inspector then provided Members with information on Rich Picture and in relation to APACS advised that the Force's coverage for APACS was at that time classed as excellent. Members then received information on the Counter Terrorism Local Profiles (CTLPs) with detail on both the background and the delivery process. Members were advised that Section 44 was being used sparingly within Humberside with any usage always being intelligence led and always scrutinised. Finally, Members received an update in relation to Public Order and Domestic Extremism.

The Special Branch Chief Inspector advised that Mr Palmerley, as Lead Member for Counter Terrorism had recently visited the unit and suggested that both Mr Palmerley and the Strategic Development Manager (Communities and Partnerships) visit the Unit approximately every four months to receive a presentation on a particular theme.

Resolved – (a) That the presentation be noted; (b) that the Lead Member for Counter Terrorism and the Strategic Development Manager (Communities

and Partnerships) visit Special Branch approximately every four months to receive a presentation on a particular theme, and (c) that further updates be received as appropriate.