



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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'DELIVERING VALUE FOR MONEY THROUGH COLLABORATION'

Humberside Police Authority has welcomed the publication of a report reviewing the current working arrangements between the four police forces and police authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region. The report, 'Delivering Value for Money Through Collaboration' was prepared by Deloitte MCS Ltd and has identified possible areas for savings of £98 million, which it says, could be achieved by through additional collaboration between the forces over the next five years.

The region's four forces and their authorities have worked closely together for a number of years and support a 'Regional Efficiency and Productivity Strategy'. At the heart of this strategy is a commitment to regional collaboration in the delivery of police services unless the evidence shows that this would be less effective and efficient.

Earlier this year, Deloitte carried out a nine-week review to find ways that the region's forces could work together to improve efficiency and productivity and gain the maximum benefit from joint working.

While a number of effective collaborative arrangements for policing services are already in place, the Deloitte briefing allows police authorities and forces to understand the scope for increasing efficiency and productivity as it identifies the broad areas where greater collaboration might produce better value for money.

However, local policing is critical to public confidence and the report maintains that joint working will not interfere with this. At this stage the report provides police authorities and forces with a range of high level options only and no decisions have been made.

The report is now being shared with police authority members in the region, senior police officers and staff associations. It will then be considered by Humberside Police Authority at its meeting on 29 June and the other three police authorities in June or early July as part of their normal schedule of meetings.

Councillor David Rudd, Vice Chair of Humberside Police Authority, said: 'Given the pressure upon the public sector to reduce spending and create greater efficiencies, which has been highlighted by the recent proposals for in-year funding cuts, this report is

timely. It will provide this Police Authority and our regional colleagues with valuable information and options to help us meet the challenges ahead.

“However, it should be stressed that it only presents a series of possibilities or options at this stage. Any decisions are for the future when the full Police Authority has had the opportunity to carefully consider and discuss the report.”

Notes to Editors

1. A Joint Police Authorities' Committee was set up in 2006 to oversee joint working between the four police forces of Yorkshire and the Humber on behalf of the four Police Authorities. The four forces are working together to build capacity and capability in specialist and strategic areas of policing, particularly protective services. Collaborative working seeks to complement and enhance local policing, adding value and improving public confidence for the overall benefit of the region.
2. Deloitte were appointed in March 2010, to conduct a nine-week review to find ways that the region's forces could work together to improve efficiency and productivity and gain the maximum benefit from joint working. The wide-reaching review investigated operational policing for example, scientific support and specialist crime, together with support services such as Fleet Management and Information and Communications Technology (ICT).
3. The Deloitte report cost approximately £300,000 but has indicated savings of approximately £98 million from radical changes, if all proposals are accepted, excluding implementation costs that have yet to be considered. The money to pay for the consultants has been identified from savings previously achieved.

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