



EASTERN REGION COLLABORATION JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Date: Thursday 23 July 2009

Location: Ravenwood Hall Hotel,
Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9JA

Members Present:

Victor Lucas (V/Chair), Cambs	(JB)	Richard Smith (V/Chair), Herts	(RS)
Robert Chambers (Chair), Essex	(RC)	Stephen Bett (Chair), Norfolk	(SB)
Neil Macdonald (V/Chair), Essex	(NM)	Gulshan Kayembe (Chair), Suffolk	(GK)
Stuart Nagler (Chair), Herts	(SN)		

In Attendance:

Gillian Parker (CC) Beds	(GP)	Chris Miller, (ACC), Herts	(CM)
Steph McMenamy (CE), Beds	(SM)	J Tattersall (D/Supt), Herts	(JT)
Julie Spence (CC), Cambs	(JS)	Graham Weston (CI), Herts	(GW)
Dorothy Gregson (CE), Cambs	(DG)	Andrew White (CE), Herts	(AW)
Andy Bliss (T/CC), Essex	(AB)	Chris Harding (CE), Norfolk	(CH)
Janet Molloy (ECTIU)	(JM)	Ian Learmonth (DCC), Norfolk	(IL)
Robin Paddock (CE), Essex	(RP)	Jacqui Cheer (DCC), Suffolk	(JC)
Lucy Chapman (PDPM), Essex	(LC)	Christopher Jackson, (CE) Suffolk	(CJ)
Frank Whiteley (CC), Herts	(FW)		
Alan Hayes (Ch/Supt), RCT	(AH)		
Dave Sargent (DCI), RCT	(DS)		

Apologies:

Ian McPherson (CC), Norfolk	(IM)
Simon Ash (CC), Suffolk	(SA)
Peter Conniff (Chair), Beds	(PC)

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
34.	<p data-bbox="327 369 582 403"><u>Election of Chair</u></p> <p data-bbox="327 470 1141 537">Nominations were invited and Robert Chambers was proposed and seconded.</p> <p data-bbox="327 604 1141 672">Resolved: That Robert Chambers be appointed as Chairman</p>	
35.	<p data-bbox="327 750 662 784"><u>Election of Vice Chair</u></p> <p data-bbox="327 851 1141 918">Nominations were invited and Stuart Nagler was proposed and seconded.</p> <p data-bbox="327 985 1141 1052">Resolved: That Stuart Nagler be appointed as Vice Chairman</p>	
36.	<p data-bbox="327 1120 678 1153"><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p data-bbox="327 1220 566 1254">As shown above.</p>	
37.	<p data-bbox="327 1321 686 1355"><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p data-bbox="327 1422 574 1456">There were none.</p>	
38.	<p data-bbox="327 1523 454 1556"><u>Minutes</u></p> <p data-bbox="327 1624 1141 1724">The minutes of the meeting of the JSC on 2 April 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
39.	<p data-bbox="327 1803 470 1836"><u>Uniforms</u></p> <p data-bbox="327 1904 1141 2004">Members received a verbal update from Mr I Learmonth, Deputy Chief Constable of Norfolk Constabulary, on behalf of Mr I McPherson, Chief Constable of Norfolk</p>	

	<p>Constabulary.</p> <p>Members were informed that aligning with the national approach was the preferred option but that the national framework was still awaited.</p> <p>40. <u>Cambridge/Essex/Norfolk/Suffolk (CENS) Fleet Collaboration</u></p> <p>The meeting considered a paper (ERC 09/14) which gave an update in respect of issues arising affecting successful arrangements for fleet collaboration.</p> <p>It was explained that the cost savings set out in the report were approximate and potential. It was noted that modest savings had been achieved but that further savings would require disproportionate further investment.</p> <p>GK proposed that when closing a collaboration initiative a closure report be submitted to the JSC setting out key successes, savings and lessons learnt to inform future projects. CJ added that for governance purposes the report should refer back to the original business case.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) That the report be noted2) That the JSC endorse the closure of any further work on transport services convergence at this time3) That a closure report be submitted to the JSC on 14 October 2009 <p>41. <u>Regional Collaboration Team (RCT) Update</u></p> <p>DCI D Sargent of the RCT introduced a paper (ERC 09/13) setting out the activity undertaken by the RCT since the Six Chiefs meeting held on 9 March 2009 and 2</p>	
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April 2009.

Resolved:

- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That the RCT support the Eastern Region Public Order Working Group in creating a cost effective method of managing the regional capability

42. Regional Collaboration Team - Staffing and Location

Ch/Supt A Hayes introduced a paper (ERC 09/17) setting out the current staffing issues regarding the RCT and in so doing highlighted the desire to relocate the Team to Wymondham (Norfolk Constabulary) and to recruit for current and projected vacancies. It was noted that funding had already been agreed.

Resolved: That the report be noted

43. Eastern Region Collaboration Strategy

Members considered a paper (ERC 09/8) introducing the region's first Collaboration Strategy. The report sought approval of the Strategy for publication and dissemination to the public and key stakeholders.

It was proposed that detailed comments on the Strategy be submitted by Friday 31 July 2009. It was noted that the foreword would be completed by this date.

It was also proposed that an equality impact assessment of the Strategy be undertaken. Norfolk Constabulary agreed to lead on this.

Resolved:

- 1) That the contents of the Strategy be noted

<p>44.</p>	<p>2) That subject to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) detailed comments on the Strategy submitted by Friday 31 July 2009</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) an equality impact assessment of the Strategy being undertaken</p> <p>the strategy be approved for publication and dissemination to the public and key stakeholders.</p> <p><u>Eastern Region Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Collaboration</u></p> <p>J Cheer, Deputy Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary, introduced the paper (ERC 09/18) by providing a presentation which explained the DVI function, outlined the current situation in the Eastern Region and set out business case proposals.</p> <p>Benefits were cited as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ professionalise the DVI function ▪ increase resilience ▪ enable better partnership working including with other agencies such as the Fire Service ▪ potential cashable and non-cashable savings. <p>It was explained that the new posts were relatively cost neutral.</p> <p>Members noted that the proposals had been unanimously endorsed by the Regional Chief Constables and were reassured that the section 24 Police Act agreement was sufficient in respect of proposals for the Co-ordinator role.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the JSC accept the proposals in the business case,</p>	<p>All</p> <p>FW</p>
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namely that:

- 1) A Regional DVI Executive Committee headed by the Deputy Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary should oversee all future regional collaborative arrangements
- 2) The region should appoint a full time regional DVI co-ordinator and a full time Casualty Bureau/HOLMES Manager to implement changes and ongoing developments to a regional collaborative DVI infrastructure (funded by each Force in proportion to Formula Grant, revised annually)
- 3) The two new Regional DVI posts should be located at GO East
- 4) A reduction should occur in the number of staff/roles trained in DVI activities across the region
- 5) The introduction of cadres of specialist teams underpinned by the production and maintenance of a regional DVI staffing matrix
- 6) The co-ordination of joint training and exercising of DVI staff to the latest NPIA accredited standards
- 7) These arrangements should be fully operational from 1 April 2010
- 8) These arrangements should be formalised under a section 24 Police Act agreement (formal mutual aid) signed by the Chief Constables
- 9) A formal independent review should be conducted by NPIA eighteen months after the go-live date to ensure the structure and staffing arrangements are fit for purpose
- 10) As part of their work, the Regional Co-ordinators should develop a business case to rationalise HOLMES servers in the Region and assist in developing plans to further rationalise the number of Casualty Bureau in the Region.

45. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 1.00pm on Wednesday 14 October 2009.

46. Urgent Part 1 Business

There was none.

47. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: that the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Part 2

(Business to be taken in private)

48. Serious and Organised Crime (RIU)

Mr F Whiteley, Chief Constable of Hertfordshire Constabulary introduced a report ((ERC 09/19) which provided a summary of recommended increases to Regional capacity and capability.

Members were informed that the recommendations were a key part of the Strategy for Tackling Serious and Organised Crime which had received significant interest nationally.

FW reported that all regional Chief Constables supported the five unit proposal and that five Chief Constables supported in principle moving to seven units subject to North/South coverage and lobbying for Home Office assistance with set up costs.

Essex representatives explained that they would welcome the opportunity for their newly appointed Chief

<p>Constable, Jim Barker-McCardle, to consider the proposals before committing to all seven proposals.</p> <p>In addition, Cambridgeshire agreed to support all seven proposals in principle but needed a short time to assess the funding impact before making a final commitment.</p> <p>Members agreed to support the five unit proposal. It was noted that the proposals must be recommended for approval to the six regional police authorities before the JSC on 14 October 2009. Members were reassured that this would not delay progress on implementing the five units. FW undertook to produce a common template for reporting to individual police authorities. It was highlighted that although the costs were set out for each Police Authority, the way in which those costs are met might differ from Authority to Authority, with business cases being tailored accordingly.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the Joint Statutory Committee recommends that the six regional police authorities approve: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) the creation and continual funding of five regional units: Witness Protection Unit, Covert Method Entry Unit, Technical Support Unit, Confidential Unit and Communications Data Intelligence Unit ii) that the creation and continual funding of all of the units under i) are managed through the Regional Intelligence Unit Structure with Hertfordshire as the lead Force iii) that the Regional Undercover Unit and Regional Investigative Team are deferred for further work iv) that any additional costs are apportioned between Forces in the Region pro-rata to formula grant, adjusted annually to reflect changes to formula grant 2) That approval of the six regional police authorities is sought before the JSC on 14 October 2009. 3) That a common template is produced for recommending the proposals to individual police authorities. 	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>FW / AW</p>
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49. Counter Terrorism (CTIU)

Det. Supt J Molloy, Head of the Essex Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit (CTIU), introduced a paper (ERC 09/15) which updated members of the Committee in accordance with the agreed protocol on the work of the CTIU.

Members were informed that the Service Level agreement had been agreed by the ACPO co-ordination Board for Counter Terrorism ready for signing. JM reported a reduction in the current threat level and went on to summarise deliverables against the Contest Strategy with particular mention of partnership working and the firearms protocol. Members were advised that three growth posts had been identified and were reassured about the diversity of the unit. Performance reports are up to date and the forecast budget is on target.

Members were advised that they were welcome to visit the CTIU.

AB reported that together with AW he would explore the potential to further develop the agreed protocol for reporting to Police Authority members the work of the CTIU. Proposals would be submitted for consideration to the JSC on 14 October 2009.

Members were asked to note a planned review of budget distribution relating to dedicated security post funding and to be aware of the potential implications for future funding.

Resolved:

- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That proposals to further develop the agreed protocol for reporting to Police Authority members the work of the CTIU be submitted for consideration to the JSC on 14 October 2009

AB/AW

50. Urgent Part 2 Business

There was none.

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