

EASTERN REGION COLLABORATION JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE

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TITLE: REGIONAL COLLABORATION TEAM UPDATE

REPORT TO: JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This paper seeks to update the group on the activity undertaken by the Regional Collaboration team since the Six Chiefs and JSC meeting in July and change in personnel within the team.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation 1

That the group note the findings.

Recommendation 2

That the group note and support RTC and Eastern Region Public Order Working Group in creating a cost effective method of managing the regional capability for Public Order.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

N/A

1 **INTRODUCTION**

On 9 October 2008, the Six Chiefs from the region met to discuss the future of the Regional Collaboration Team (RCT). It was agreed that this was to be a smaller team of two with five principle functions which will be reported upon at each JSC.

In September 2009 the RCT Manager DCI Dave Sargent moved back to Force which left the two posts vacant. Both posts were advertised and following interviews T/Chief Inspector Mike Austin was appointed as Manager and Marion Gray as Co-ordinator for the RCT.

1.1 **Developing learning and sharing good practice**

We will continue to meet with the region's SPOC's on a regular basis to share good practice, increase awareness of each forces collaboration team and disseminate information. The meetings will include project managers and will endeavour to meet at mutually convenient locations within the region. To build on the work already carried out and plan for the future a workshop has been arranged to take place on 21st October.

We remain the single point of contact for any requests for information or documentation produced by the region or nationally.

We are able to populate the Eastern Region section on the police collaboration hub created by the Home Office. The hub is open to all those working or interested in collaboration and provides the perfect forum for sharing good practice. The hub is password protected and details have been sent to all SPOCs concerning access. No report will be published without the express permission of the author.

1.2 **Specifically commissioned research and analysis**

At the January meeting of the six Chief Constables, the RCT were commissioned to produce a regional "vision" and strategy document outlining the regions commitment to collaboration over the next three years.

The Regional Collaboration Strategy 2009-2011 has been agreed and published. It has been disseminated to all force communications offices within the region and to our counterparts within the other Regional Collaboration Teams. The Strategy will be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that it remains relevant to the ever changing environment.

The RCT have been tasked to formulate a plan to provide a cost effective model for managing the regional capability for Public Order.

As part of the research the RCT have continued to liaise with NPIA and included the National Public Order Secretariat chaired by DCC Sim (the ACPO lead). At this present time a number of pieces of work are being undertaken to review various aspects of public order policing incorporating the issues raised by the policing of the G20 summit in April. The HMIC have made a number of recommendations in their 'Adapting to Protest' document and the NPIA are currently refreshing the tactics manual and updating the contents of the command courses. The recommendations that are forthcoming should not have a significant impact upon the scope of the work however the schedule will remain flexible enough to capture any of relevance. Another factor of

relevance is the requirement to police the 2012 Olympic Games which will have to be considered within the scope of the work.

Herts. and Beds. have aligned their public order capability alongside other operational support activities and have identified a number of savings. Further savings can potentially be made from a regional collaboration model for managing and delivering certain public order functions.

ACC Benson (Essex) is the regional lead and chairs the Regional Public Order Working Group. Their next meeting is scheduled for 4th November 2009 where a report around options will be taken and discussed prior to being brought to the next Six Chiefs meeting for consideration.

The Regional Collaboration team will work with ACC Benson and the Regional Public Order Working Group to develop the proposals and options.

1.3 Low level interface with Government representatives

We have maintained our working relationship with the Home Office - Robert Peacock and Ian Caplan - and were involved in a visit to Norfolk by Richard Riley and Robert Peacock. The Home Office have indicated that they wish to run a workshop towards the end of October to bring together those regions who have received funding for Serious and Organised Crime collaboration with those that have not in order to share good practice. The Home Office have also indicated that there may be funding for 2010-11 for those areas that have not previously received funding to develop a collaborative response to Serious and Organised Crime.

The RCT have also attended the GO East Integrated Offender Management Conference and the regional Total Place workshop.

1.4 Assisting consistency of approach across the region

The RCT will continue to work with the SPOCs and assist in ensuring a consistency of approach where collaboration takes place on a sub regional basis. As issues are raised it is important to ensure that answers are shared and consistent in line with legal and HR advice saving costs and time. The RCT are beginning to build links with other regions and will ensure that relevant advice is disseminated to SPOCs and other appropriate individuals within the Eastern Region.

The RCT continue to offer support, advice and assistance to the JSC administration.

1.5 Collating regional programme of work

The RCT continue to update the spreadsheet and regional table of all existing collaborations. This informs the regional leads where we currently sit and highlights those areas that can be moved, for example, from mutual aid or MOU to a more formal collaboration.

Each Force is providing the RCT with up to date information and any MOU's or Section 23s received are immediately embedded into the document. It is intended to provide a brief overview of the current progress of projects within a compact table with future reports.

2 CONCLUSION

The RCT continue to service the needs of the region and ensure Collaboration Programme Boards are provided with the most up to date information in which to inform their decision making.