



Cheshire Police Authority - Service Improvement Panel

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2009 IN CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD.

Present: D Bateman, Chairman A Doran
 A Bradley B Maher
 M Chapman P Nurse
 M Darby M Ollerenshaw

Also in attendance: J Ebo (Shadow member)

<i>Authority Officers:</i>	<i>Constabulary Officers:</i>
M Sellwood, Chief Executive	B Simmons, Assistant Chief Officer
L Lunn, Treasurer	K Watkins, Director of Performance Development
M Eaton, Member Services Manager	K Brown, Head of Business Development Services
	A Gibbs, Head of Procurement

Apologies: G Cousins

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

56. COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES: NORTH WEST REGION

The Director of Performance Development presented an update on the collaborative activities being undertaken across the North West region. The report detailed the Constabulary's collaboration in relation to forensic investigations; regional crime unit; witness protection; regional motorway unit; and air support.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

57. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2009-12

The Assistant Chief Officer presented the Procurement Strategy for 2009-12, which summarised the activities of the Strategic Procurement Unit in responding to the demands of change over the last three years and outlined how the Unit would deliver an effective procurement service over the next three years.

Members acknowledged the progress that had been made in providing a more efficient procurement service and discussed a number of issues

including the use of procurement cards; standard processes and procedures; and supplier base reduction with the Head of Procurement.

RESOLVED:

That the Procurement Strategy for 2009-12, be received.

58. REVIEW OF ESTATE CAPACITY

The Director of Performance Development presented a report on the review of capacity of the Authority's estate as requested by the Panel on 6 May 2008 (Minute 8). The report detailed the estimated value, tenure, current usage and possible future options of the 60 properties within the estate.

The Panel raised a number of issues relating to the estate with the Assistant Chief Officer. A review of the Authority's Estates Strategy was being undertaken which would consider the issues raised by Members.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the Authority's Estate Strategy be revised and presented to the Panel on 9 June 2009.

59. REDUCING BUREAUCRACY IN POLICING

The Chief Executive submitted a report on the action being taken by the Government to reduce unnecessary bureaucracy in policing following Sir Ronnie Flanagan's Review of Policing. The report summarised the progress being made to reduce the data burden on police forces and the initial findings and draft recommendations of the Reducing Bureaucracy Advocate.

The Director of Performance Development advised Members of the significant progress the Constabulary had made to reduce bureaucracy, particularly in the Quest reviews of intelligent deployment and crime investigation, and the roll-out of mobile technology.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Home Secretary's position in relation to reducing the data burden on police forces and reducing bureaucracy in policing, be noted; and
- (2) the Panel discuss the ongoing work within the Constabulary to reduce unnecessary bureaucracy.

60. QUEST I - INTELLIGENT DEPLOYMENT: UPDATE

The Director of Performance Development presented an update report on Quest I – Intelligent Deployment. The report outlined the aim of the project; the actions taken to improve the management of fast-time and deferred incidents; support and monitoring; the efficiency gains; and the national recognition the project had gained.

Members in considering the report, acknowledged the improvements in the service provided to the public and the greater job satisfaction expressed by officers. The comments raised during the recent visit to the eastern Area regarding the management of fast time incidents were discussed.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

61. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY – GET SMART: PLANNING TO PROTECT REPORT

The Director of Performance Development provided a briefing on the recently published national report "Get Smart: Planning to Protect" by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and the Constabulary's position.

The Assistant Chief Officer advised that the report showed the benefits of the Authority's investment in creating greater capacity and capability in protective services.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

62. PROTECTIVE SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLANS: UPDATE

The Director of Performance Development presented an update on the improvement plans established following the HMIC assessment of protective services which had been approved by the Authority on 26 February 2008 (Minute 116). The report detailed the progress that had been made in strategic roads policing, civil contingencies, firearms, public order, counter terrorism, critical incident management, major crime, protecting vulnerable people, and serious and organised crime.

The Panel welcomed the progress made by the Constabulary which was evidenced by the positive comments from Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and the confidence the Constabulary had in providing protective services.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

63. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: UPDATE

The Assistant Chief Officer presented an update on the progress against actions contained within the Environmental Scrutiny Group Report which was considered by the Panel on 9 September 2008 (Minute 31). The report provided updates on the appointment of an Environment Officer and the action being taken in relation to the following issues: waste reduction and recycling; reducing energy usage; hibernation of computers; carbon emissions; climate change agenda; and updating the travel plan.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

64. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY PAYBACK

The Director of Performance Development presented an update on the involvement of Police Community Support Officers in the 'community payback' scheme. The report detailed the level and type of visible unpaid work undertaken locally; the outcome of the evaluation of a pilot scheme; monitoring of the scheme; and the need to ensure that the scheme operated as agreed by Service Improvement Panel on 15 July 2008 (Minute 24).

The Panel discussed a number of aspects of the scheme with the Director including the benefits in the community.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the outcome of the evaluation of the pilot community payback initiative be noted;
- (2) the use of Constabulary resources to support the continuing community payback initiative be endorsed, subject to those resources being used solely within the parameters reported to the Panel on 15 July 2008; and
- (3) the initiative be further evaluated in March 2010 and the outcome reported to Service Improvement Panel.

65. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES: UPDATE

The Panel considered a report on the work of the four business development programmes – Public Safety; Sustaining and Improvement; Transforming Business Services; and People.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

Duration of meeting: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and finished at 11.07am.