



CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

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SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2008 IN CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD.

Present: G Cousins, Vice-Chairman B Maher
 A Bradley P Nurse
 M Chapman M Ollerenshaw
 A Doran

Also in attendance: D Cargill and R McNeil

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

Apologies:- D T Bateman and M Darby

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

40. COLLABORATION: REGIONAL MOTORWAY UNIT AND REGIONAL CRIME UNIT

The Acting Deputy Chief Constable presented an update on the collaborative activities being undertaken in the Regional Motorway and Crime Units. The report outlined the management of the investigation into the two recent fatal collisions on the M6; improvements in telephony and radio communication; changes to motorway patrol areas; and the draft service level agreement which outlined governance and financial protocols.

Members raised a number of issues relating to the draft service level agreement, including the appointment of persons to the Conciliators Panel, contingency budget, control of expenditure, the distribution of funds recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act; and the submission of future annual progress reports to the police authorities and agency involved. The Acting Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Officer responded to the issues raised and noted the suggested amendments.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the reports on the Regional Motorway Unit and Crime Unit, be noted; and
- (2) the development of a draft Service Level Agreement for the Motorway Unit be approved in principle, subject to the Members comments being incorporated, and submission of the final version for approval.

41. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Director of Performance Development presented a report on the development of an asset management strategy and departmental asset management plans.

The Panel discussed the content of the strategy and its links with the capital programme and Policing Plan with the Director of Performance Development.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

42. POLICE UNIFORM

The Assistant Chief Constable submitted a report on the results of a survey of officers following the roll-out of the new uniform.

Members considered the results of the uniform survey which indicated 83% preferred the new uniform compared to the old style and noted that the some of the concerns raised were being addressed.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

43. SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE PROJECT: UPDATE

The Assistant Chief Officer presented an update on the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Project which included the completion of the design work; the milestones in order to 'go live' in January 2010; issues relating to the location, land and lease; services and staffing; the governance arrangements; and the financial implications.

Members raised several issues including the role and responsibilities of the other partners involved; the impact of reduced capital receipts on the Authority's contribution; and the likely level of demand for the service, to which the Assistant Chief Officer responded. The Assistant Chief Officer added that the facility would be known in the future as the 'Safe Centre'.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the report be noted,

- (2) the presentation of the Final Business Case to the Authority on 7 April 2009 as a starred item for which provision will be made in the 2009/10 revenue budget and capital programme, be noted; and
- (3) the release of funding for the Safe Centre Manager, subject to confirmation prior to final appointment at a cost of £7,747 in 2009/10, be approved in principle.

44. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSTABULARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The Head of Business Development Services presented the annual review of the Development Programme, which included the structure of Business Development Services and detailed the status and progress; resource levels; financial implications and future developments of each of the existing corporate projects.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the development programme review reports in future be incorporated into the regular update report and presented on an annual basis in June, to the Panel.

45. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES: UPDATE

The Panel considered a report on the work of the three business development programmes – Public Safety; Knowing What Works and Why; and People.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

46. SECONDMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Superintendent Boycott presented a report on the role performed whilst on secondment to the United Nations. The report provided an insight into the experiences gained, by highlighting examples of the type of work undertaken, and offered a view on the value of such secondments.

Members raised a number of issues arising from the report with the Superintendent.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

Duration of meeting: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and finished at 11.10am.