



Cheshire

Police Authority - Service Improvement Panel

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2009 IN
CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD.**

Present: R Hodson, Chairman
A Arnold
D Bateman
M Darby

R McNeil
M Ollerenshaw
B Silvester

Also in attendance: M Chapman, B Maher and A Walmsley

Authority Officer:
L Lunn, Treasurer

Constabulary Officers:
B Simmons, Assistant Chief Officer
K Watkins, Director of Performance Development
K Brown, Head of Business Development Services
J Brierley, Head of Learning and Development

Apologies: A Doran and P Findlow

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

2 REALIGNMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM BOUNDARIES

The Director of Performance Development presented an update on the current developments of the area working proposals implemented by Cheshire East (CE) and Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Borough Councils. The report detailed the review being conducted by the Boundary Committee; CWAC's and CE's current positions; and the interim performance reporting mechanism which had been developed.

The Panel raised a number of issues relating to the Boundary Committee's timetable and the structures in the two Councils, to which the Director of Performance Development responded.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update on neighbourhood working structures in Cheshire East and Cheshire West & Chester Borough Councils, be noted; and
- (2) a further report be presented when the neighbourhood structures have been finalised.

3. CONTEST AND PREVENT STRATEGIES: UPDATE

The Director of Performance Development presented a report on the Constabulary's response to the Government's CONTEST (Counter Terrorism) and PREVENT strategies which also detailed progress made against the Counter Terrorism Local Profile information sharing initiative. It was explained that self-assessments in respect of National Indicator 35 (Building Resilience to Violent Extremism) had now been produced for the four Borough Councils in Cheshire.

Members welcomed the partnership working which was taking place on this key agenda and raised a number of issues on external funding, progress in establishing the three CONTEST Governance Boards and the change from APACS assessment to "Rounded Assessment" to which the Director of Performance Development responded. Members asked that the local profiles being shared with Chief Executives also be shared with Authority Members. The Director of Performance Development undertook to respond to this query and also to inform Members of the composition of the CONTEST Boards when known.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) Jonathan Charlton, the APA Preventing Violent Extremism Lead, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Panel.

4. HQ PFI CONTRACT: ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09

The Assistant Chief Officer presented a report on the management and performance of the HQ PFI contract for 2008/09.

The Panel welcomed the positive report and enquired about the heating and ventilation system which had caused problems. The Assistant Chief Officer explained that the issue was currently the subject of consultation with staff and would be completed by late summer and a further report would be presented to the Panel on 8 September 2009.

RESOLVED:

That the annual report for the HQ PFI contract, be noted.

5. AREA CLEANING PLUS CONTRACT: ANNUAL REPORT

The Director of Performance Development presented a progress report on the 'Cleaning Plus' soft services contract which commenced on 1 May 2008. Future contractual arrangements would need to be considered as part of the Estates Strategy, and would be the subject of a report to the Panel on 8 September 2009.

The Panel raised issues relating to previous cleaning contracts and the relationships with ESS staff, to which the Director of Performance Development responded.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

6 FLEET SERVICES ASSET PLAN

The Assistant Chief Officer presented a report on the Fleet Services Asset Plan, including the current policies and management arrangements for maintaining an effective vehicle fleet to meet operational requirements and deliver value for money.

The Panel in considering the report, acknowledged the improvements being made to the vehicle fleet in terms of procurement, fleet utilisation, servicing and repair, disposal and efficiency and environmental considerations.

Members raised issues relating to the AVLS system, the make of cars purchased and the potential use of gas in fleet cars to which the Assistant Chief Officer responded. In response to a question about scrutiny of value for money, the Treasurer advised that this topic would be pursued as part of the Medium Term Strategy with specific reports presented to Finance Panel.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Fleet Services Asset Plan, as outlined in the report, be supported;
- (2) a Members' visit be organised to the Vehicle Maintenance Unit; and
- (3) the Fleet Services Manager be invited to make a presentation to the Environmental Management Group.

7 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT BASE BUDGET REVIEW ACTION PLAN

The Head of Learning and Development presented a report detailing the response to the learning and development (L&D) base budget review and provided the action plan and progress to date.

Members welcomed the report which was the culmination of a fundamental scrutiny review and raised issues relating to the corporate client, culture, efficiency savings achieved to date and the continuing need to focus on this aspect in future.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report and the action plan be noted;
- (2) the progress being made in relation to the recommendations from the base budget review and Internal Audit report, be noted;

- (3) monitoring and scrutiny of the action plan be undertaken by the Staff Committee on a quarterly basis;
- (4) the Chairman of Staff Committee be asked to nominate a lead member for learning and development; and
- (5) Internal Audit be asked to review the implementation of the action plan during 2010/11.

8 **CONSTABULARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES: UPDATES & ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Panel considered a report on the work of the four business development programmes – Public Safety; Sustaining and Improvement; Transforming Business Services; and People. Members raised a number of issues relating to transforming business services, the tactical training facility and mobile data to which the Head of Business Services and the Assistant Chief Officer responded.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) a report on the benefits achieved from the roll-out of mobile data be presented to the Panel on 8 September 2009.

Duration of meeting: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and finished at 10.55am.