

CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY

A meeting of Cleveland Police Authority was held on Tuesday 6 December 2005 in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Councillors Barker, Benbow, Coppinger, Lowes and McLuckie.

Magistrate Members
Mr Cox JP

Independent Members
Miss Andrews-Mawer, Mr Gardner, Mr Majid, Mr Nath and Mr Race

OFFICIALS: Mr McCarthy, Mrs Allaway (CE)
Mr Hogg, , Mr Bonnard, (CC)

159 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Coombs, Councillor Pearson, Councillor Wallace, Councillor Womphrey, Mr Fisher JP and Mr Illingworth TD JP

160 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

161 **QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from the public.

162 **2004-05 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND POLICE AUTHORITY**

The Deputy Chief Constable presented the draft Joint Annual Report which must be published as soon after the financial year as possible.

The report contains information on the performance against the Policing Plan which will be distributed throughout the area.

ORDERED that:

1. The Annual report be approved.

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ADDITIONAL CCTV EQUIPMENT

The Deputy Chief Constable requested that the Authority consider approving funding for the provision of additional CCTV equipment within the new Custody areas of Middlesbrough and Langbaugh.

This equipment would enhance the safety and welfare of detainees and would be within good practice highlighted in Police Design guidance.

ORDERED that:

1. The provision of 30 additional cameras be approved, the capital costs be provided from Capital funding and the maintenance costs be provided from the Service Unit budget.

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REFURBISHMENT OF HARTLEPOOL CUSTODY OFFICE

The Deputy Chief Constable requested that Members approve work to be carried out to allow detailed costs to be prepared as part of a business case for the refurbishment of Hartlepool Custody Office. This business case would be presented to members at a future meeting for consideration before any final decision is made on the scheme.

ORDERED that:

1. The tendering commence for the refurbishment of Hartlepool Custody Office.
2. A final business case be submitted to a future Police Authority meeting to consider final approval.
3. That an exemption to standing orders be approved to enable K Young (Architects) to resubmit plans and gain estimates from contractors for consideration.

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REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL

The Chair of the Community Safety panel presented the report and submitted the following minutes of the Community Safety Panel meeting held on 5 October 2005 for approval.

ORDERED that the recommendations within the minutes be approved.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL

A meeting of the Community Safety Panel was held on Wednesday 5th October 2005 commencing at 10.30am in the Members Conference Room, Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Pam Andrews-Mawer (Chair), Cllr Caroline Barker, Cllr Chris Coombs, Cllr Barry Coppinger, Mr Ken Gardner MBE, Cllr Ron Lowes, Mr Keith Fisher JP, Mr John Bage, Mr Norman Wright, Dr Neville Cameron

OFFICIALS: ACC Adams Briggs, Miss Judith Nellist.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Joyce Benbow, Cllr Dave McLuckie (ex officio), Cllr Mike Womphrey.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising.

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OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS

There are currently three outstanding recommendations:

- BCU Performance Group Feedback cost Recovery.
- Childrens Board
- Neighbourhood Policing

These three remaining outstanding recommendations are still under discussion and are not to be discharged at this present time.

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CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Hartlepool – Mr Ken Gardner informed the meeting of the discussion that took place in this district. The main topic was that of Community Wardens and how valuable they play a part in reducing crime and disorder.

Stockton – Dr Neville Cameron informed of the meeting which was held on 13th September 2005. He informed that the main topic for discussion was burglary dwelling, NERISS – (North East Regional Information System Sharing) and the third point was information regarding Community Wardens and PCSOs.

Middlesbrough – Cllr Barry Coppinger informed the group that the last meeting was held on 7th September 2005, brought up a number of issues which he brought to this group. They were:

- Their new three year strategy which is to shortly be circulated.
- He informed that Jan Douglas is now the Chair of the Joint DAT and CDRP Partnership.
- They have two new dedicated groups in
 - i. A Domestic Violence Group.
 - ii. Alcohol Strategy Group.
- He informed on two specific projects emanating from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.
 - i. A Community Alarm Project.
 - ii. A Families Project (Problematic Families).
- He also informed the meeting of a report which showed how they were managing a PPO (Prolific and Persistent Offenders) Scheme.

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BCU FEEDBACK

It is accepted that performance and NCRS issues are debated in all four district BCUs. Additional items of interest to this Panel were as follows:

- Mr Ted Cox JP is currently involved in initiatives to look at the introduction of Volunteers into the Police Service. A report and feedback will be forthcoming in the near future and this will be circulated.

Mr Bage gave feedback on Operation Tranquility which is being run in the Stockton District regarding the license trade. He informed that the Stockton District Management Team are pleased with the roll out of this operation at the moment and it appears to be acting effectively and efficiently in the Stockton area. It is understood that other Policing Districts are interested in this type of operation and will be seeking to make representation in their own Districts.

Cllr Ron Lowes informed the Panel on Licensing issues in and around Middlesbrough and that situations such as Operation Tranquility had been raised however the Licensees in and around the Middlesbrough area were reluctant to do anything on this situation.

He also informed regarding Independent Custody Visitors meetings, ICVA and that at the next meeting the District Commander was to attend the next meeting and Cllr Lowes suggested it may be appropriate for other Members to invite District Commanders to their District ICVA meetings in the future.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTRE FOR CLEVELAND (SARC)

ACC Adam Briggs informed the meeting of an opportunity to provide a dedicated one stop shop which would be a premium service to survivors of rape and serious sexual assault within the Cleveland area. This Centre will be of use for men, women and children.

Members thanked ACC Briggs for his presentation and the following was **AGREED**:

That a timetable needs to be created following this meeting and was seen that this would speed up this process.

- Members welcomed the additional £70,000 put forward for this initiative. That this strategic group would reconvene at a time and date to be mutually convenient.

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DRUGS ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY – This also incorporated Agenda item 10 Feedback on the Police Standards Unit Conference

ACC Briggs informed the meeting that this Agenda item was to act as an additional information to the screening of a segment of News-night BBC Television, Monday 22nd August 2005 entitled "Teenagers and Drugs in Stockton-on-Tees". ACC Briggs informed the meeting that this paper included copies of two web pages from the BBC News-night website entitled "Life with Junkie Son Aged 14" and "Living With Teenage Drug Addicts".

Following the screening of the DVD Members queried whether the Police Authority and the Force should consider another Conference on the subject of Drugs, but this time specifically for Crack. It was suggested that this subject could be brought to the attention of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and particularly the DAT element of this.

AGREED that:-

1. The Authority to hold an additional Conference but it should be small in size Chair to liaise with Mr Briggs.

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**THE 2006-2009 CORPORATE POLICING STRATEGY AND
2006-2007 LOCAL POLICING PLAN/BEST VALUE
PERFORMANCE PLAN**

Miss Judith Nellist presented the report on the production schedule and outline structure for the three year corporate Policing Strategy and Annual Local Policing Plan. Miss Nellist informed the Panel of the responsibilities placed on the Authority and the Police in the 1996 Police Act and the statutory information that is required for the preparation of the Local Policing Plan. She informed the meeting of the new requirements set out by the Home Secretary's 2006-2009 National Policing Plan and Home Office Guidance.

The meeting was informed that information in the document will include:

- Local Policing Priorities.
- The financial resources expected to be available.
- Proposed allocation of those resources.
- Performance targets set by the Police Authority.
- An assessment of current performance against targets and performance indicators.
- Comparison of performance with previous years and other Authorities amongst other things.

ACC Briggs offered the use of Corporate Development to act as a reference point for all consultation activities that have taken place for the creation of the Policing Plan.

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DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting is 25th January 2006.

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**REPORT OF THE MODERNISATION PANEL
HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 20 OCTOBER AND 9
NOVEMBER 2005**

These items were deferred until the Police Authority meeting to be held on 20 December 2005

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**MINUTES OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY HELD
ON 20 OCTOBER 2005**

The minutes of the Cleveland Police Authority Meeting held on the 20 October 2005 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

179 **MINUTES OF SPECIAL POLICE AUTHORITY
HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2005**

The minutes of the Special Cleveland Police Authority Meeting held on the 25 October 2005 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

180 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

This item was deferred until the meeting of the Police Authority to be held on 20 December 2005

181 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

182 **LEGAL ADVICE**

The Chief Executive presented a report on the current position in respect of Legal advice in respect of the Police reconfiguration process.

ORDERED that:

Members note the advice.

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

183 **POLICE REGULATIONS**

An item was considered within Police regulations.

ORDERED that:

No further action be taken.

