



BUSINESS CO-ORDINATION BOARD

Date:	22 May 2013	
Time:	1.30pm	
Location:	Cambourne Police Station	
Members:	Sir Graham Bright	Police and Crime Commissioner
	Brian Ashton	Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
	Simon Parr	Chief Constable
	Mark Hopkins	Assistant Chief Constable
In Attendance:	Dr Dorothy Gregson	Chief Executive
	John Hummersone	Commissioner's Chief Finance Officer
	Niki Howard	Constabulary Chief Finance Officer
	Kate Moore	Business Manager
	Nick Church	Staff Officer
	Cristina Strood	Head of Policy and Performance
	Paul Drew	Policy Officer

1. Welcome and apologies

The Commissioner welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from Deputy Chief Constable John Feavour and Anna Horne, Head of Engagement and Communications.

2. Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interests.

3. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on March 2013

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and it was agreed that they would be published on the Commissioner's website. It was noted that the item on Regional Organised Crime Units had been deferred until June.

4. Collaboration

The Chief Constable explained that the senior command teams of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire were continuing to develop proposals for a way forward for collaboration on organisational support and operational support work. Further discussions with Commissioners would take place on 14 June.

The Commissioner was keen to ensure that future collaborations provide appropriate scope for scalability where appropriate and that they do not close down options for the second stage transfer.

There was discussion about mechanisms for apportionment of costs.

The Chief Executive noted the progress on confirming the governance arrangements for the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire alliance. A Memorandum of Understanding was being finalised which would make provision for new "host" force arrangements, a management board, a rotating Chairman, with work being overseen by the strategic 'summit'.

The Chief Finance Officer (Constabulary) requested an amendment to section 9.11.

An Eastern Region meeting would be taking place in July.

5. Operation Metis

The Chief Constable explained the report aimed to update the Board on the progress of Operation Metis. He explained how mobile 'slate' proof of concept trials were underway. The timeline for evaluating and articulating the benefits and cashable savings was by the end of September. He explained how digital working is creating links between agencies and creating positive results.

6. Performance Framework

The Head of Policy and Performance explained that the proposed performance framework set out details of the performance framework for the Police and Crime Plan,

mechanisms for holding the Chief Constable to account and controls assurance mechanisms. It was timely to set down current arrangements and would meet recent requests from the Interim Joint Audit Committee and the Police and Crime Panel. The framework is to be considered by the Interim Joint Audit Committee in June and by the Police and Crime Panel in July.

The Board endorsed the framework but wanted to ensure that the latest available data should be included in the Police and Crime Plan performance framework.

7. Finance Sub-Group, 16 May 2013

The Deputy Commissioner provided an oral report from the Finance Sub-Group meeting on 16 May. This included revenue budget monitoring, capital programme monitoring, cash flow monitoring, the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2014/18, Programme Metis, pensions and reserves

He noted that the 2014/15 and 2015/16 overall spending targets for the Home Office were expected on 26 June 2013.

There was discussion about pensions that are managed by LGSS.

It was noted that minutes of this meeting will be presented to the next Business Coordination Board.

8. Minutes of the Force Executive Board, 7 April 2013

The Chief Constable presented these minutes to the Board. The Board noted the minutes.

9. National Policing Requirement

The Chief Constable noted the statutory requirement to have regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR), which the Chief Executive noted was reflected in the Police and Crime Plan. The Chief Constable further noted how progress against the SPR was being demonstrated. The report on the Regional Organised Crime Unit for the next meeting would cover some important cyber aspects. HMIC would be undertaking an inspection later in the year.

The Commissioner noted the reassurance provided on progress in this important area including the work actively taking place on regional capacity and partnership working on CT issues. The Commissioner supported the Chief Constable in working appropriately across these areas.

The Board noted the report

10. Estate Decisions

The Chief Constable outlined the report. He explained the history and terms of the lease decisions being presented to the Board.

Decision:

To approve the renewal of the lease of Building 252 Alconbury Airfield for continued use by the Dog Section.

To approve the lease of part of St Ives Police Station to Cambridgeshire County Council.

11. Troubled Families

The Chief Constable informed the Board that the report outlines the Constabulary's response to the Troubled Family Programme. There was a discussion about how to engage partners with the Troubled Family Programme.

The Chief Executive added that there should be a clear understanding of what resources are available from the Constabulary to support this agenda. There was a discussion about how the response would be resourced and the differences of how the programme will be administered by Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

The Board noted the report.

12. Operational Update

The Chief Constable outlined the report to the Board.

He added that review of the PCSOs has completed Phase 1 and initial work on Phase 2 has begun. The project will report in September 2013.

There was a discussion about the use of cautions in relation to sexual offences. It was noted that sexual assaults were complex offences where sometimes a criminal justice outcome might not benefit the victim. It was noted that there had been no cautions for rape in the last five years.

The board noted the report, noting that although it was still early in the year good progress was being made and that although these matters were operational, they were matters of local and national interest.

