



To: Business Co-ordination Board

From: Chief Constable

Date: 27 February 2014

RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on Operational Risk Management to the Board.

2. Background

2.1 Although the internal auditors have been satisfied with risk governance within the Constabulary and no recommendations or suggestions were made following the most recent audit, improvements to the process have been identified within Force.

3. Corporate Risk Management

3.1 To ensure effective internal governance and scrutiny around risk, the force is establishing a Risk Review Board. This will be chaired by the DCC and will meet monthly, to be attended by the Director of Finance and Resources, the Force Risk Manager and the Force Risk Officer. An optional invitation will be extended to the Assistant Chief Constable and others will be invited as necessary, for example to provide further detail of a particular risk or group of risks.

3.2 In advance of the first meeting, a sub group of the Risk Review Board has met where the Operational Risk Register was reviewed, reassessed and rescored in some areas to reflect updated circumstances.

- 3.3 Collaboration risks are recorded on Hertfordshire Constabulary's 'Orchid' database and managed by the collaborated units. However, it is felt that the Risk Review Board should have access to risks which may impact on Cambridgeshire Constabulary. This will be achieved via the Force Risk Manager and Force Risk Officer who will provide reports to the Risk Review Board from the Orchid database. These risks may be escalated to FEB for discussion.
- 3.4 A separate 'Confidential Risk' register will be set up and managed by the Force Risk Manager and Force Risk Officer with oversight from the Risk Review Board. This register will acknowledge risks that are highly sensitive in nature and will be used as a check and prompt by the Risk Review Board but will not contain detail, due to the nature of the risks. It is expected that this will ensure that a more complete assessment of organisational risks can be made.
- 3.5 An ACPO member of the Risk Review Board will present and champion the risk review at the Force Executive Board to ensure a rigorous process.
- 3.6 Cambridgeshire Constabulary Risk & Opportunity Policy' and '4Risk R&O Procedure and Guide' will be updated to reflect these changes.
- 3.7 The inaugural meeting of the risk review board is scheduled for 27th February 2014.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Board is invited to note the content of the report.