



## EASTERN REGION COLLABORATION JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 9 October 2008

Location: Ravenwood Hall Hotel,  
Bury St Edmunds

### Members Present:

Peter Conniff (Chair), Beds	(PC)	Stephen Bett (Chair), Norfolk	(SB)
Judy Broadway (V/Chair), Cambs	(JB)	Robin Chapman (V/Chair), Norfolk	(RCX)
Robert Chambers (Chair), Essex	(RC)	Gulshan Kayembe (Chair), Suffolk	(GK)
Richard Smith (V/Chair), Herts	(RS)	David Wood, (V/Chair), Suffolk	(DW)

### In Attendance:

Gillian Parker (CC) Beds	(GP)	Frank Whiteley (CC), Herts	(FW)
Steph McMenamy (CE), Beds	(SM)	Heather Valentine (ACC), Herts	(HV)
Julie Spence (CC), Cambs	(JS)	Andrew White (CE), Herts	(AW)
Philip Peaston (CE), Cambs	(PP)	Ian McPherson (CC), Norfolk	(IM)
Roger Baker (CC), Essex	(RB)	Chris Harding (CE), Norfolk	(CH)
Andy Bliss (DCC), Essex	(AB)	Les Parrett (SPOC), Norfolk	(LP)
Robin Paddock (D/CE), Essex	(RP)	Simon Ash (CC), Suffolk	(SA)
Adam Hunt, Force Solicitor, Essex	(AH)	Chris Jackson (CE), Suffolk	(CJ)
Janet Molloy, Head of CTIU, Essex	(JM)	Dave McDonnell (SPOC), Suffolk	(DM)
Dave Sargent, RCT (DS)		Nicola Breen, RCT	(NB)

### Apologies:

Keith Walters (Chair), Cambs		Doug Hayton (CE), Essex
Stuart Nagler (Chair), Herts		Oscar Ramudo, Home Office
Gary Copson, HMIC		

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.	<p><b><u>Election of Chair</u></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive (Suffolk) took the chair for the first item and invited nominations. Robert Chambers was proposed and seconded</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that Robert Chambers be appointed as Chairman.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Election of Vice Chair</u></b></p> <p>Robert Chambers took the chair and invited nominations. Peter Conniff was proposed and seconded.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that Peter Conniff be appointed as Vice Chairman.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>No items</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Administration of the Joint Statutory Committee</u></b></p> <p>AW wished to clarify the legal position of the JSC entering into any contracts and suggested that the Chief Executives discuss this issue and report back at the next JSC.</p> <p>The terms of reference and standing orders were agreed by the committee.</p> <p>The committee noted that the Clerk to the JSC would be the Chief Executive from Essex Police Authority as the Chairman of Essex Police Authority had been appointed Chairman of the JSC as per the standing orders. Furthermore the admin function to the JSC would be transferred from the Regional Collaboration Team to the Clerk of the JSC.</p>	CE's
5.	<p><b><u>Arrangements for next meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the next meeting be held on 15 January 2009 at Ravenwood Hotel, Bury St Edmunds.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Any other business to be considered by the Chair</u></b></p> <p>There was none.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Exclusion of the Press and Public:</u></b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that, pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 7 of Part I to Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest not to disclose the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</p>	

8.	<p><b><u>Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the Minutes of the Six Counties Group meeting held on the 2 July 2008 be agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Uniforms</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman had hosted a meeting of the Chairs of the Police Authorities on 29 September to discuss closer collaboration. One of the items discussed was the purchasing of police uniforms and a desire to agree a common uniform across the six forces. This was an area that was seen to be achievable in a short amount of time.</p> <p>FW confirmed the Six Chiefs had discussed this and agreed that the region should look towards standardisation. IM had agreed to be the lead for this. He added that other opportunities in procurement should be identified that can be taken forward.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that progress on uniforms and other procurement opportunities be reported to the next meeting of the committee.</p>	IM, FW
10.	<p><b><u>Counter Terrorism</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered a highly confidential report submitted by AB and shredded after the meeting.</p> <p>The underwriting of financial risks arising out of CTU were considered and there was support in principle to do so. It was agreed that more formal arrangements between the authorities for this purpose were required.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the committee receive a progress report every six months</li> <li>(ii) the Force Solicitor (Essex) together with Chief Executives consider drawing up a more formal agreement or protocol regarding the CTU.</li> </ul>	AH/CEs
11.	<p><b><u>Protective Services Update</u></b></p> <p>A report about the standard of protective services in the six forces was considered.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the committee support the recommendations set out in the report</li> <li>(ii) the position regarding serious and organised crime be noted</li> <li>(iii) the progress thus far made as set out in the report be noted.</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b><u>Project Updates</u></b></p> <p>The Joint Committee considered reports in relation to ICT, air operations, scientific services and fleet management.</p>	

**Resolved:** that

- (i) the reports in relation to ICT and scientific services be noted
- (ii) on fleet management a further report be presented to the next committee meeting following a reassessment of the potential for savings
- (iii) in relation to air operations, the decision not to pursue a consortium be noted.

**13. Eastern Region Budget Analysis**

Essex undertook a piece of work to compare budgets across the region to see if there were savings to be made that could be reinvested back into front line policing. The initial work had been completed and handed back to the finance heads for further development. There will be a further report at the next meeting.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted.

**14. Regional Collaboration Team (RCT) Lead Report**

An oral report by the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire was presented which examined the future structure of the RCT.

**Resolved:** that the proposals be agreed.

**15. Regional Collaboration Team Update**

15 i RCT Support to the region.

FW stated that there were some additions to the 'Collaboration Stock Take Matrix' spreadsheet and an amended version would be distributed.

DS confirmed that this would be updated regularly and that it would act as a single library with any MoU's or Section 23's embedded that would be open and available to all.

FW added that this matrix shows that there is a lot of collaboration going on in the region.

**Resolved:** that the report be noted.

15 ii RCT Budget

**Resolved:** that the revised budget be agreed.

**Post meeting note:** The budget will need to be revised to take into account the new Go-East Police Liaison/RCT line manager role.