THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday 25 September 2014
Commenced at 10:30am
At Newby Wiske Hall, Northallerton, DL7 9HA

Notes of the Meeting

88. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from Michelle Buxtery, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire.

89. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014

Action: Martin Willis to be amended to read Martin Deacon.
Subject to the above amendment the minutes were agreed.

90. **Matters Arising**

PCC Burns-Williamson advised that discussion had taken place at the last meeting of the NPAS National Board regarding the appointment of a new representative for Yorkshire and the Humber and the North East onto that Board.

91. **Action Schedule**

Martin Scoble referred to ongoing work in relation to minutes 57/68.

Supt Neil Thomas referred to minutes 45/57 regarding public order regional collaboration proposals and advised that a separate high level scoping exercise to determine any additional savings/efficiencies was being conducted and would be reported to Chief Constables in November.

92. **Core Capability Funding Utilisation - Update**

Confidential report submitted that set out progress to date with respect to the National Core Capabilities Programme and proposed how additional grants could be used to further enhance the regional capability to tackle serious organised criminals and protect the communities.

Det Supt Beldon commented on the report.

Fraser Sampson advised that he had confirmed to the Home Office that governance was overseen by this Board and members confirmed that they were satisfied that they were provided with relevant information and assurance.

PCC Burns-Williamson reported that he had signed off the additional funding and would circulate a copy of the letter.

The Board agreed that the grant spend of £328,832, as outlined in the paper to discharge the requirements of the core capability programme with regard to prison intelligence and intelligence management, be approved.

93. **Underwater Search and Marine Unit – Funding**

CC Jones advised that North Yorkshire were content with the current arrangements for this service.

Representatives of Humberside, West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire expressed their disappointment at this decision and indicated that the implications for each Force needed to be carefully considered. Concern was expressed that those Forces with more specialist services would underwrite those Forces without and that the wider principle around who carried the risk needed to be considered. North Yorkshire was urged to consider making a contribution to the fixed costs. Justin Partridge advised that there was an action for the Chief Financial Officers (57 -27/03/2014 & 68 -22/05/2014 on the Action Schedule) to look at the financial model for all collaborations and this could be included in that piece of work.

The Board agreed that the status quo continue for the time being but that further consideration is given to the funding arrangements.
94. **Business Case for Centralised Regional Firearms Training - Update**

Report submitted that outlined the options for the location of a centralised Regional Firearms Training facility.

Supt Thomas commented on the report outlining the 3 options that had been considered, the requirement to change shift patterns and the costs of Option 3, which was the preferred option, subject to further scoping work.

CC Collins commented on firearms command training, that was not covered by this proposal, and which currently sat with South Yorkshire and would require consideration. She commented on the need to maximise the proposed facility. CC Crompton indicated that he would be happy to look at how command training fitted in and advised that the main reason for seeking a decision in principle at this stage was to allow the necessary work on shifts to be undertaken. CC Curran advised that additional costs were already incurred due to the incompatibility of the current shift arrangements.

In response to queries Supt Thomas advised that the amount of lost income could not be calculated until the shift pattern had been considered. He indicated that the reduction in estate costs was shown in the capital projection, however, this did not include any potential reduction in staff costs.

CC Jones advised that they were exploring options with Cleveland and should be able to outline their preferred choice in November. Following a query regarding whether the plans allowed North Yorkshire to enter at a later date, Supt Thomas advised that they had been included in the proposals for training and they could be accommodated but they were not included in the operational collaboration at the moment. Discussion took place around interoperability and whether it would be possible to bring in another Force if North Yorkshire did not proceed. Supt Thomas advised that this had not been considered but would be dependent upon what tactics they used operationally and whether they could fit into the shift pattern. CC Crompton advised that until it was known whether North Yorkshire were joining then the Board would only be agreeing indicative costs as the figures were based on 4 Forces. CC Jones confirmed that North Yorkshire’s position would be clear by November and PCC Mulligan re-iterated that whilst considering options it was North Yorkshire’s intention to move as quickly as possible.

The Board agreed to support Option 3 in principle pending a deferred decision on full operational armed policing collaboration.

95. **Business Case for a Regional Store, Humberside, South and West Yorkshire Police - Update**

Report submitted that outlined a business case for a Regional Store for Humberside, South and West Yorkshire Police.

Neil Wilson commented on the report advising that the Wakefield site would be multi occupancy and the payback period would be 1.29 years.

The Board agreed to the implementation of a Regional Store to be located in Wakefield.

96. **Business Case for a Regional SARC Provision - Update**

Lisa Parker submitted a report advising that the PCC for South Yorkshire had
issued a tender to the market on behalf of the region to procure a single provider of SARC services, with a presence in each force area.

She commented in detail on the report advising that bidders had been asked to submit a pricing schedule and breakdown of their costs for the first 3 years of the contract split between each Force area. The tender deadline was 2 October so an indication of the scale of the bids, subject to detailed assessment, could be provided by 3 October. The timeline was tight and it was requested that the recommended bidder be considered on 14 November, which was prior to the next scheduled RCB on 26 November.

She advised that the NHS were working on a specification for paediatric provision and would advise when they had costs. South Yorkshire, as the Lead Force, were looking for agreement in principle that any risks associated with the contract would be shared. They also sought agreement in principle to the appointment of a shared commercial contract manager who could sit in the Regional Procurement Team. The cost of this was £47,743 in the first year and £46,748 in subsequent years and NHS England had agreed to make a contribution to this cost. A number of KPIs had been included in the tender document. In terms of governance there would be a single point of contact in each area to deal with day to day issues and delivery. NHS England would be the service lead.

It had previously been agreed that a Regional SARC Board be established. South Yorkshire would lead on establishing this and it was hoped that the first meeting would be held before 14 November.

Members discussed paediatric provision and noted that whilst there had originally been some provision for 13-16 year olds included, this had not been supported by NHS England and had subsequently been removed from the tender specification. This contract, therefore, related solely to over 16s. Paediatric provision was to be negotiated with the NHS around the region. PCC Grove advised that Humberside had made separate provision by funding child ISVAs. Members expressed their concern at the lack of paediatric provision and the possibility that, with the removal of 13-16 year old provision from this contract, they could be requested to provide additional funding. Reference was made to the lack of specialists available in this field and Lisa Parker advised that NHS England were seeking better provision for everyone.

Discussion took place around the election of a new PCC for South Yorkshire and, as the Lead Force on this matter, on the potential risk to the contract if the incoming PCC did not support it. Interim PCC Pick advised that the South Yorkshire OPCC would do all they could to prepare the ground and Fraser Sampson commented on the legal position of corporations sole. The OPCC for South Yorkshire were requested to be mindful of the situation and Regional Procurement were asked to have contingency plans in place if necessary. Lisa Parker agreed to consult Legal Services on this potential issue.

The Board agreed to (a) consider the recommended bidder on 14 November 2014, outside of formal RCB; (b) in principle, support the appointment of a commercial contract manager with the costs shared between the regional Forces and NHS England; (c) in principle, to enter into an agreement to mitigate risks to South Yorkshire; (d) in principle, approve the governance arrangements, and (e) receive an update on the bids by 3 October, subject to evaluation.
97. Business Crime Reduction Centre
CC Crompton reported that when discussed previously all had agreed to approve the bid to extend this work. Audits carried out by the funding body appeared to be focussing on inputs rather than outcomes. There was therefore a risk that they may look to claw back some money if they felt that 100% of time was not dedicated by funded posts specifically to business crime reduction. In highlighting this risk, he stressed the importance of good record keeping, including information regarding what support the PCSOs received. He would provide a further update to the next meeting.

The Board agreed to note this potential risk and ensure adequate record keeping in relation to this work.

98. Media Issues
No media issues raised.

99. AOB
PCC Mulligan advised that she would report to the next meeting on their collaboration discussions with Cleveland. The Chair requested that North Yorkshire declare their intentions regarding collaboration within the current RCB set up at least a week prior to the next meeting in order to allow the other partner members to consider the impacts, issues and options for further collaboration. This would allow considered debate at the meeting.

Following discussion PCC Grove agreed to chair the next meeting after which the Chair would pass to another PCC.

Date, time and location of next meeting: Wednesday 26 November 2014, 09.30 in Conference Room 1, Clough Road Police Station, Hull.