

**BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE  
CHIEF OFFICER GROUP MEETING  
MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2009**

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| Title and Version:                   | Chief Officer Group Meeting |
| Summary:                             | Notes and Actions           |
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**Present**

Chief Constable Ian Johnston  
ACC Alan Pacey  
ACC Paul Crowther  
ACC Steve Thomas  
ACC David McCall  
Linda Scott

**Apologies**

Deputy Chief Constable Andrew Trotter  
Sharon Burd  
**In Attendance**  
Mike Furness  
Jo Bird  
Deepa Bidd  
Leigh Stringer

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**1. Urgent Business**

- 1.1 ACC Pacey reported on events over New Year's Eve. There were no major crimes to report and all operations went according to plan.
- 1.2 COG noted the updated critical incidents table. The Chief Constable asked that Jo Bird look into a method of tracking significant incidents which, although they are no longer critical incidents, necessarily need COG awareness, such as the Stockwell incident.  
**Action: Jo Bird**
- 1.3 Media
- 1.3.1 Media have received a number of calls concerning the families of the victim's of light aircraft crash on 2 January.
- 1.3.2 A statement has been released about Boris Johnson's visit to LU Area for the launch of the LU Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 1.3.3 Jo Bird reported on recent articles in the press about rail enthusiasts and Section 44 Stop and Search. The articles show figures from BTP on the number of stops conducted. These figures were taken from a letter to Norman Baker MP from the Deputy Chief Constable in response to his query about Stop and Search. The Chief Constable will invite Norman Baker MP to visit BTP.

**Action: Chief Constable**

**2. Actions from Previous Meeting**

2.1 Actions discharged.

**3. Chief Constable**

3.1 Minutes of Police Authority meeting on 09.12.08 were discussed. With regards to the action concerning Tarworth, for a fuller set of costed options and business cases being presented to the next Authority meeting, the Chief Constable asked Linda Scott to prepare a paper for next week's COG about this and the L&D Strategy. This can be raised at the Police Authority fortnightly meeting on 12 January. The Chief Constable also asked that Linda Scott speak with Christine Knights.

**Action: Linda Scott**

**5. ACC Operations**

5.1 No items to note.

**6. ACC Crime**

6.1 The Crime Mapping System is due to go live at the end of January 2009. ACC Crowther is in consultation with ATOC Managing Directors and a communications strategy is in place. ACC McCall will need to be briefed as soon as possible so he can update ACPOS.

**Action: ACC Crowther**

6.2 ACC Crowther will be attending the Home Affairs Select Committee on Knife Crime on 13 January. He will be meeting with Alfred Hitchcock who is on the panel before him to ensure there are no contraindicating issues. The Chief Constable suggested ACC Crowther speak with David Davis MP prior to the committee and also raise the matter of stop and search and conditions of carriage across all transport modes.

**Action: ACC Crowther**

**7. ACC Scotland**

7.1 James King will be invited to the ACPOs AGM.

**8. ACC London & Olympics**

8.1 Uniform

BTP's Body Armour supplier, Sioen have increased prices from 1 January 2009. It may be worth considering moving our normal recruitment/transferee body armour provision to Hawk sooner, rather than later. ACC Thomas will speak to Procurement.

**Action: ACC Steve Thomas**

**9. HR Director**

- 9.1 A discussion was held on Certificates of Service and supplying references which indicate a grade of conduct. The Chief Constable asked that Linda Scott present a paper looking at options around the simplest approach of grading according to what other forces have been practicing.

**Action: Linda Scott**

- 9.2 Linda Scott asked Leigh Stringer to update COG on the progress with the accommodation for the HR Business Centre at Axis house in Birmingham. It is likely that it will be ready by the end of April / early May.

**10. Finance & Corporate Services Director – represented by Leigh Stringer**

- 10.1 Estates & Facilities are aiming to complete work at the replacement accommodation for Ebury Bridge at Waterloo by the end of this month.

- 10.2 Manchester refurbishment has been completed.

- 10.3 Estates & Facilities have taken possession of the canalside accommodation in Camden Street. This will help in absorbing some of the pressure at FHQ.

**11. Strategic Development**

- 11.1 Police Authority meeting minutes as discussed under the Chief Constable's item. No further items to note.