

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority

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Report of the Chief Executive

South West Authorities And Forces – Collaboration Programme (pa07/324)

RECOMMENDED

- (i) that the Authority notes and endorses the Programme Definition Statement relating to the South West Forces Collaboration Programme
- (ii) that the Chairman of the Authority be agreed as the Authority's representative on the Programme Board and that he be authorised in consultation with the Chief Executive to approve collaboration proposals not involving a need for investment
all proposals involving investment or a change in responsibility or liability will be the subject of a Business Case, to be agreed by the Programme Board, which will be submitted for consideration as agreed by the Authority.

Background

1. A Programme Definition Statement has been prepared setting down how the collaboration between South West Authorities and Forces will be undertaken. The Statement is in excess of 100 pages and is not therefore being copied to all Members. A copy will be available in the members library or will be sent to any members if requested.
2. Following a discussion when the Statement was initially produced the reference to regional collaboration has been removed. This in part reflects that Authorities and Forces may wish to undertake collaboration projects with Authorities/Forces outside of the region. In this context the report of the Resources Committee meeting held on 22 November included within this agenda reflects a Forensic Collaboration project that involves a total of 14 Authorities.
3. David Jones has been appointed as the Programme Director and he reports on a regular basis to the Chief Constable of Wiltshire who is the designated Senior Responsible; Officer for the Programme.
4. Up-dates on progress against the Programme are made on a quarterly basis to a meeting of the Chairmen and Chief Constables known as the Programme Board
5. A meeting of the Board was held on 23 November and importantly a discussion took place in relation to the intended governance arrangements. It has now been agreed that projects will be progressed as follows: -
 - ◆ Initial consideration by Chief Constables
 - ◆ Initial consideration by Programme Board
 - ◆ Initial consideration by Police Authorities
 - ◆ Final consideration by Programme Board before referral to Police Authorities
 - ◆ Final consideration by Police Authorities.

6. A standard report is currently being produced for consideration by all Police Authorities – the report will set down specific suggested levels of delegation for individual Chairmen. It is clear that all Authorities will need to have a meeting/decision process that will enable decisions to be taken quite quickly to avoid delays in projects moving forward.

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