

# *LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY*



Meeting                   **POLICE AUTHORITY**

Date                       **TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009 AT 2.00 p.m.**

Report of               **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Subject                  **MAJOR CRIME INSPECTION – POLICE AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS**

## **Purpose of Report**

1. To address two issues arising from recommendations made by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary in their review of major crime.

## **Commentary**

2. In March 2009 the Constabulary were asked for responses to Areas for Improvement recommended by HMIC arising from a previous inspection concerning major and serious organised crime. It is not intended to relate the entire report to Members on this occasion. However, two of the HMIC recommendations arising from the inspection provide for action by the Police Authority. These are shown in the Annex to this report.
3. The first issue concerns the matter of how performance is dealt with and how major crime and serious operations are monitored by the Police Authority. This is an issue that can be taken up through the review of the Performance Panel activity and the way that information is provided quarterly to the Police Authority in terms of performance.
4. The second issue affecting the Authority that the HMIC commented on was to ensure that Members had the opportunity to sit as observers on a gold group critical incident or major investigation matter. This would normally require an advanced level vetting. We already have management level vetting for Members of the Authority who sit on the Collaboration Board. This constitutes the Chairman and Vice Chairman as representatives on the Board and Joint Committee, and Mrs Sherwin and Mr Hyde as their substitutes. It is therefore suggested that the proposed role could be undertaken by these Members.

## **Recommendation**

5. Members' are requested to agree that
  - (i) the performance monitoring of major crime and serious organised crime be addressed during the analysis of the new arrangements for Performance Panel; and
  - (ii) a Member be invited from time to time to sit on a gold group for a critical incident or major investigation (such Member to be chosen from among the Members who have the relevant security vetting).

**Implications**

Financial: none; Legal: none; Risk Management: none; Diversity: none.

**Background Papers**

None.

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**Extract from Action Plan from HMIC report on Major and Serious Organised Crime**

<p>(Work In Progress)</p> <p>The PA is considering expanding the existing performance committee that would be responsible for monitoring both major crime and SOC. It is also considering having dedicated and vetted members, as at present the lack of vetting precludes PA members from receiving information on sensitive operations.</p>	<p>PA</p>
<p>(Area For Improvement)</p> <p>Subject to satisfactory vetting arrangements for PA members, it would assist the governance arrangements if a member was invited to sit on a gold group for a critical incident or major investigation.</p>	<p>PA</p>