

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FORCE POLICY GROUP

1130 hours on Wednesday 2 December 2010
Chief Constable's Conference Room, Police Headquarters

To Discuss the Extension of Mixed Economy Policing

OPEN MINUTE

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1.	WELCOME	<p>Present: CC Smith, DCC MacLeod, ACC Mauger, Mr Shearer, CS MacKenzie, CS Samson, Mr Noble</p> <p>In attendance: Supt Buist</p>	
2.	PRIORITY CRIME UNIT	<p>The Chief Constable opened the meeting by referring to previous discussions of the Group on the subject of the Priority Crime Unit at Falkirk, and which had been based upon previous documents presented to the Group through the Vision 2010 Project.</p> <p>He reminded the Group that it had previously been agreed that expansion of mixed economy policing was desirable, in light of the business benefits, and that the idea of creating two additional PCUs, in Stirling and Clackmannanshire, had been considered and discarded as impracticable.</p> <p>The meeting then considered a discussion paper which had been prepared by Superintendent Buist which considered the relative merits of two options. The first was the replication of the existing Falkirk PCU structure, to be located within either the Stirling or Clackmannanshire areas, while the second envisaged the growth of the Falkirk facility to serve the whole Force.</p> <p>There was considerable debate on the paper's contents. Some FPG members felt that there was insufficient detail to enable a proper costing and comparison to be made, and that the paper tended to represent a 'worst case' financial situation, particularly in relation to the first option. Others felt that the second option was more attractive.</p>	

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		<p>After a detailed discussion, the meeting agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FPG's preference was to opt for growth of the existing Falkirk PCU, and for it to evolve into a Force-wide facility. • Superintendent Buist to remain Project Manager, and to ensure that a particular focus is retained on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - implications of Force-wide Unit for local daily tasking processes; - relationship of new Unit with PMU structure; and - realisation of business benefits. <p>The meeting briefly discussed the possible timeline for implementation of the new structure, and it was agreed that early May 2010, while challenging, was achievable.</p>	
		<p>ACTION: Superintendent Buist to provide further paper to the FPG confirming final additional staffing numbers and costs.</p>	<p>Supt Buist</p>
		<p>ACTION: Superintendent Buist to ensure that the resulting financial information is shared with Mr. Shearer at an early stage.</p>	<p>Supt Buist</p>
		<p>ACTION: Chief Superintendent MacKenzie to ensure that an appropriate internal briefing is circulated through Mr. Walker.</p>	<p>CS MacKenzie</p>