

LANCASHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
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PART I

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Issue for Consideration

To update Members on the work that the Authority has been involved in since the last Police Authority meeting.

Information

Police Authority

The Authority is continuing to work through the objectives in the Business Plan and good progress is being made, with the Authority on track to deliver all of the outcomes identified in the plan.

Work is continuing with regard to the forthcoming Audit Commission/HMIC inspection and the Chair, Mr Jassi and the Chief Executive met with the Inspectors on 10th July.

The Chair and Chief Executive attended a recent APA People Policy Network Meeting and are continuing to provide feedback on a regional basis.

The Chair and Vice Chair together Ms Afzal and the Chief Executive attended the APA-ACPO conference held in Manchester. Ms Afzal and the Chief Executive were part of a Lancashire contingent of presenters at the Conference which included the Chief Constable, ACC Walker and Dr Langmead-Jones.

The Chief Executive has attended meetings with Lancashire Chief Executives which focussed on taking a more strategic approach to community safety. Work is underway to look at how resources are utilised on community safety issues, particularly in two tier areas, and to see if it possible to secure more effective ways of working. A further meeting is scheduled to take place on 31 July.

Partnership Activities

The first meeting of the North West Police Authorities Joint Committee is scheduled to take place on 28th July and the Chair will represent the Authority on the Committee. A report of the meeting will be presented to the next meeting of the Police Authority.

The Authority formally confirmed its agreement to work towards the North West Charter on Member Development at its meeting in July 2007. The Deputy Chief Executive has been working with Councillor Bell and Ms McGirr and is on track to make the submission of the Authority's application for Member Development Charter status. The member seminar in May considered member development issues and discussed the new Member Learning and Development Strategy. Member Development meetings have now been held for all Members including those newly nominated to the Authority, by the Chair and Vice Chair with the support of the Chief Executive. Mrs Webster will join the Member Development Working Group on the 13 July for a pre-assessment visit with the North West Employers Organisation. The formal assessment day, which will involve a number of Members, will be held on Tuesday 29 September.

Typecast

The Typecast project is progressing well and the press release from launch was picked up in many newspapers and online sites with over 15 articles to date.

An article written for the Lancashire County Council Road Safety newsletter targets both young people and people who are working with young people and this fits with emerging priorities within the Council. The Authority's Head of Community Engagement has made a presentation to the Blackburn Schools' consortium to give teachers more information in respect of the project. In addition, Typecast Youth Magazines have been distributed to youth clubs and libraries and the education pack fully distributed to all schools in Lancashire, with good feedback being received from youth workers on the education pack.

Members will recall that some of the funding for the project was obtained from EU funding via UCLAN and the Head of Community Engagement has been invited to give a short explanation of the project at a UCLAN event that is being attended by the Minister for Europe.

Rock FM

The Media bus road shows start in the week commencing 27 July 2009 and a briefing has recently been given to Rock FM street team and media technicians regarding their involvement. We have two temporary staff joining over the summer to support the Community Engagement team in this work.

Decision Required

The Authority is asked to note the report.

Background Papers

None

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