

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

DEVON & CORNWALL SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Held at: Moorland Links 21 September 2010

Chairman: Supt Swarbrick

Secretary: Mrs Chris Lavis

Attended by: Jon Farr - Safety Camera Partnership
Natalia Hatswell - Safety Camera Partnership
Insp. Richard Pryce - Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Adrian Trim - Plymouth City Council
Peter Moore - Cornwall Council
Rachel Dower - Cornwall Council
Graham Rugg - HMC
Nigel Dyson – Highways Agency
Jeremy Phillips – Devon County Council
Patrick Carney – Torbay Council

Apologies: Ruth Mundy – Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Paul Carpenter - HMCS

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	Supt Swarbrick opened the meeting and introductions were made	
	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 August 2010 were read and agreed.	
	<u>Country Mile Project</u> Review and evaluation has been submitted to DfT for ratification. There was a request from the Chair to leave this item within the minutes to enable an update to be advised at the next Board meeting.	Peter Gimber
	<u>Staff Issues</u> Sgt Steve Harvey is to return to the Unit after extended sick leave. Supt Swarbrick advised that this was good news and it would be good to see him back, he will return to light duties on the 29 September 2010.	
	Jon advised that 90 day notice had been issued to the 11 staff involved. In addition 3 other staff	

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	<p>have already left and 2 further staff have been advised they will be leaving in March 2011. The Force are working hard to try and redeploy. One member of staff on a 28 day trial and we are hoping to place 2- 3others on the same basis in the near future.</p> <p>Supt.Swarbrick advised he was sorry we were in this position but wished to thank Chris and Jon and the team, including HR, for the work involved as this was a difficult task.</p> <p>HMCS advised that there was no Redundancy policy in place in the Courts and therefore they were looking to redeploy any dedicated staff.</p> <p><u>SPECS 3</u></p> <p>Adrian Trim advised that Plymouth City Council had purchased SPECS 3, a digital camera system, for the Eastern Corridor and this should be installed within the next 6 weeks.</p> <p>If the Partnership should not continue after March 2011 Supt Swarbrick requested that the manager of CTU, should be asked if the back office work for this system could transfer to that department. Chris to advise CTU.</p>	<p>Chris Lavis</p>
	<p><u>ACC's letter to Local Authorities</u></p> <p>There was a positive response to ACC Netherton's letter to all the Local Authorities. Most confirmed that they would like to continue with camera enforcement and would support continuation in principle. Supt.Swarbrick summarised response and will send a further letter at the end of October 2010.</p>	<p>Supt Swarbrick</p>
	<p>Cornwall: Expect some speed enforcement to continue but it would have to be in a cost effective manner.</p> <p>Torbay: Support in principle. Should the present Partnership cease Torbay would still like to work with the Police as support is there to do this.</p> <p>Plymouth: Adrian felt that it was important that the Police were seen as a contributing Partner.</p> <p>Devon: John Hart (Devon CC) and ACC Netherton had a useful meeting. Some sort of capability is anticipated. Review needs to be</p>	

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undertaken with the possibility of a wider Casualty Partnership which includes Community Speedwatch and more Education.

Highways Agency: the national position is there is no funding available and therefore there is uncertainty as to the way forward. Insp. Richard Pryce also advised the meeting that he attended an ACPO meeting the previous week and there was no clarity at the meeting from the Highways Agency for the future of Camera enforcement.

Discussion took place regarding the Local Authorities views on the funding of the HA roads, significant concerns were raised about the consequences for all partners of leaving the strategic network un enforced.

Financial Matters

Rachel Dower handed out copies of the accounts as at the end of August 2010. Rachel also advised that as agreed at the previous Board Meeting the revised budget for 2010/11 was formally accepted. Therefore a Credit Note for the 26% reduction would be raised on the 22 September 2010 for the Local Authorities.

National Project Managers Meeting

Jon advised that he attended the National Project Managers Meeting in Manchester. There was a strong emphasis for working nationally in a co-ordinated way.

Rachel Dower

Discussions also took place on the possibility of pooling of costs and more Education.

There was suggestion that in the longer terms local authorities would supply capital funding to maintain fixed cameras. It was considered some of the proposals needed to be refined to become fully workable. It was also felt some decisions on the way forward would have to be made locally before the National proposals were actually in place.

It was agreed that Supt Swarbrick would approach the ACC to review both the threshold for Speed Awareness and also that the revenue from S/A, Driver Alertness and RIDE could be recycled into the Partnership as an interim

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Changes to Project Team:

Jon advised of:

- Reduction in camera enforcement activity to take account of reducing staffing levels. This included changed to mobile enforcement deployment.
- Revised Courier activity
- Quarterly reviews will be stopped by November 2010 to be more 'partner lead' road safety meetings
- Speed Data collection reduced from November Database frozen in November 2010
- Reduction in back office work to suit reducing capacity.

Business Plan for 2011/12

Jon was requested by the Partners to draft an Operational Plan for consideration by Partners over a 3 year period. Clarification over the services provided and the status of continuing fixed camera operation should be made in the plan and also proposals for how community lead activity would be incorporated into the Partnership should be included

Supt Swarbrick

Media & Public Opinion

Natalia advised that there had been quite a significant difference within the Region on how the reduction in funding for the Safety Camera Partnerships had been handled. There were many emails, letters and telephone calls from both the public and media. Natalia had undertaken press and television interviews with the message that the cameras are still active for the time being as there was perception in some areas we had stopped.

A letter from an Advanced Driving Instructor had also been distributed to over 400 Councillors within Devon & Cornwall giving them the information regarding the Camera successes over the past 8 years and asking for their support to continue with camera enforcement within Devon & Cornwall.

Jon Farr

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Potential Future Revenue

Various discussions took place regarding the funding streams that could help the Partnership to continue on a reduced basis. A number of partnership models were considered. There was total agreement for the proposal of a single Partnership which will also include Speed Awareness, Driver Alertness and RIDE courses with possible additions of other interventions in the future.

A re-brand of the present partnership to reflect a wider Road Safety remit will be considered.

Future Partnership Discussions

It was suggested that to put more detail into any future partnership discussions would be done by a team of representatives including the following nominees: Jeremy Phillips, Adrian Trim, Paula Wellings, Bev Hannah (Partnership Board members to brief their nominees).

Funding for 2011/12

During discussions regarding the timescales for any future funding to be agreed by the Local Authorities it was suggested by Peter Moore that perhaps we could delay giving 90 days notice in January 2011 until February 2011 giving a closing date of April 2011. Funding should have been confirmed by February 2011 and it would stop the 90 day notices from being issued for the remainder of the Staff. The funding for this extra month could be taken from the Contingency Fund. This would be looked at by Rachel Dower, Jon Farr and Chris Lavis.

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Patrick Carney
Peter Moore

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RachelDower/JonFarr
Chris Lavis

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