

REPORT OF THE  
Hampshire Police Authority  
PART II

**129. MOBILE INFORMATION PHASE 2 FORCE WIDE DEPLOYMENT**

1. The Authority has approved a request from the Chief Constable to release funding to deploy further mobile information devices.

2. Hampshire Constabulary received a capital grant from the National Policing Improvement Agency of £777,000 in 2009/10 and 2010/11 to deploy mobile information devices and services to frontline operational staff.

3. The grant was used to purchase 300 Blackberrys which were allocated to the Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Central and Isle of Wight Operational Command Units and 24 Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) which were fitted into Targeted Patrol Team (TPT) vehicles in the Gosport District. Eleven of the Constabulary's Automatic Number Plate Recognition vehicles were also updated to include a mobile data capability.

4. Extensive work was carried out to analyse and redesign the processes undertaken by officers using mobile devices to secure operational benefits with the result that a number of cashable and non cashable benefits have been realised.

5. The Chief Constable therefore requested funding of £841,000 over five years so the Constabulary could move to phase 2 deployment. The intention is to deploy a further 159 MDTs fitted into vehicles to be used by the TPT officers, to train a further 980 TPT officers in their use and to develop existing information technology processes to support and maximise the benefit of the new devices.

**130. COLLABORATION STRATEGY**

1. The Authority has considered a report from Hampshire Constabulary outlining the proposed Collaboration Strategy and governance arrangements by which the Constabulary will seek to consider collaboration partnerships with both other police forces and external public sector organisations.

2. At a time when all public services are expected to deliver more with less, collaboration is seen as a significant opportunity to drive out inefficiencies from protective and support services and to build operational capacity and capability whilst protecting front line resources.

3. This collaboration strategy is aligned with national best practice and guidance and will support a dynamic and ambitious collaborative programme comprising a rich mix of initiatives. This programme will enable the Hampshire Constabulary to modernise and improve a range of operational and support services.

4. There is Home Office and Treasury expectation for police forces and authorities to work collaboratively and there is clear evidence that collaboration delivers financial and operational benefits to all participants. Further, the Home Office guidance states that the ability of forces and authorities to derive these benefits alone are limited and will become increasingly so in the ever tightening fiscal climate.

5. The proposed collaboration strategy embraces flexible and diverse working arrangements and recognises that some services are best delivered by individual forces acting alone, some with bilateral partners or on a regional or national basis. There are benefits to be gained from working with organisations outside of the police service with forces exploring joint working opportunities with County Councils, Local Authorities and other bodies.

6. The Policing and Crime Act 2009 outlines the legal framework which supports collaborative working between forces. This enables chief officers and police authorities to enter into formal collaboration agreements or to provide aid to other forces. The governance framework within the strategy is based on the best practice approach adopted as part of the South East Regional Collaboration Project which is considered to be an appropriate benchmark demonstrating effective governance and delivery structures that enable the regional projects to achieve their stated benefits with appropriate levels of scrutiny and accountability from concept through to implementation and 'business as usual'.

7. Collaboration remains a complex undertaking and there are a number of financial, political and practical challenges still to be met. However, the trust, goodwill and commitment demonstrated to date gives every indication these can be overcome with the Hampshire Constabulary continuing to take a lead in progressing joint working on behalf of its communities.

### **131. CREATION OF A JOINT HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY AND THAMES VALLEY POLICE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

1. The Authority has approved the creation of a joint operations department with Thames Valley Police with effect from 1 April 2011 to provide operational functions under one command to both forces.

2. These functions include police dogs, roads policing, operational planning and firearms with Hampshire Constabulary acting as the host force.

3. The collaboration is forecast to generate savings of £2.63 million per year by 2012/13 which equates to a 13% saving for Hampshire Constabulary and creates a foundation for further collaboration in the future. It also allows for greater resilience in training and the potential for income generation.

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