

Warwickshire Police Authority – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Regional Collaboration

Report of the Chair

**Summary**

This report provides an update on regional collaboration progress

**Recommendation**

That the Police Authority receives this update report on regional collaboration.

- 1.1 Members of the Police Authority will recall that in February 2010 Warwickshire, along with West Mercia, Staffordshire and West Midlands, approved a collaboration strategy. A significant piece of work has been undertaken to examine opportunities for collaboration between two or more of the West Midlands Regional Authorities.
- 1.2 On 9<sup>th</sup> July the Collaboration Programme Board (made up of Chairs, Chief Constables and Chief Executives of the four regional Authorities/Forces) received a recommendation from the Programme Team to take forward 9 pathfinder projects to business case stage and to consider other cross cutting issues. The pathfinder projects and cross cutting issues are:

**Protective Services**

1. Firearms
2. Major investigation Units

**Resources**

3. Training
4. HR Services
5. Procurement

**Operational Support**

6. Custody
7. Criminal Justice Processes
8. Call Handling – local call centres/front desk
9. Call Handling – central Communications Unit

**Other cross cutting issues**

- a) Supervisory ratios
- b) Capital expenditure
- c) Estates and fleet assets
- d) Procurement
- e) ICT

- 1.3 The Collaboration Programme Board agreed that the pathfinder projects should proceed to the next stage i.e. full business case, including benefits realisation and potential savings. The business cases are expected to take up to 13 weeks to complete and should be prepared in time to be reported to the next meeting of the Collaborative Programme Board in October.
- 1.4 Members of the Police Authority should be aware that the Collaboration Programme Board does not actually have formal decision making powers. Therefore before any significant collaboration could take place the proposals would have to come to the Police Authorities for consideration.

**Ian Francis**  
**Chair**  
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