

Consultation Summary Notes
17th January 2007

Present

A Price (FBU Chair)
D Williams (FBU Secretary)
P Bowe (FBU Officers)
D Dickson (FOA)
P Mobbs
U Jones
Note Taker J Goodwin

A Luty – Presenting paper

Agenda

1.

Officer Sharing

A Luty presented paper on Officer sharing with Merseyside.

FBU were concerned that this would tie into recall to duty.

AL believed that this was different in that an officer would be sent to a major incident over the border and that recall to duty would be dealing with incidents within the county.

PB raised issues re being under strength in terms of old staffing numbers (12 officers)

AL stated that the numbers within the service were what they were and that the officer sharing would be in the case of major incidents only. AL stated that this was to a degree an extension of agreements already in place over appliances.

FBU requested the demonstration of a Matrix which showed how this would work at a weekend.

AL stressed that this was not an exercise in supporting staff numbers for ordinary incidents but major incidents only. Merseyside would not be propping up Cheshire or vice versa.

FBU asked about training implications

AL stated that 2 very minor issues had been identified and that these were easily addressed.

DD asked what method of locating addresses would be used in these instances.

AL stated that either A-Z or SatNav.

AL Stated that paper was in draft form and that a number of references needed to be added.

AL agreed to send papers in electronic format.

AL agreed to come back to discuss the paper at JCP on 31st January 2007.

AL and PM will consider Recall to Duty which will be agenda'd on 31st January 2007.

2.

UJ distributed the additional documentation requested regarding: Recruits course. Following some discussion the FBU agreed that they would consider the documentation and would agenda further discussion if they felt it was necessary or would correspond directly to PM with any questions.

3.

Adult safeguarding.

UJ outlined the principles of the policy and stated that a further item would be agenda'd once the policy had been completed.

Minutes and Matters arising.

10th January 2007

The FBU agreed with the minutes but wished to clarify that under agenda item 1 they meant that they were concerned that someone may be suspended from being in charge of incidents and not suspended from duty.

AOB

1. AP requested that the contracts be placed on the next available JCP for discussion.
2. PM stated that it was his intention to write to the FBU regarding the leave issues by the end of the week.
3. AP requested that an item be agenda'd regarding the policy of CM and WM driving appliances
4. AP asked where the discipline regs discussion had reached. PM and UJ stated that proposals had been rejected by the FBU and that the organisation had dropped to default grey book procedures. A couple of issues were to be fed to KF regarding other items within the discussion.
5. DW requested matter of CRBs be agenda'd.
Following discussion PM stated that he would check the paperwork and get back to the FBU.
6. UJ raised local JCPs and explained the way that the meetings would be conducted. She stated that two items had been fed into the local JCPs but that these were purely for discussion and not intended for negotiation. FBU requested that notes from all of these meetings be issued as a set to the unions.