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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICING BUREAUCRACY TASKFORCE

DELIVERED

Recommendation	Progress	ACPO/HO/APA lead
To improve prisoner handling and transportation process	Legislative provisions in force and guidance issued. Pilots underway on civilian police staff designated with escort and detention powers under the Police Reform Act 2002. Good progress being made in Sussex and Wiltshire and large project started well in Northumbria.	ACC David Warcup, Northumbria/Alan Brown /Andrew Honeyman
To issue guidance on detention management services	Legislative provisions in force and guidance issued.	ACC David Warcup, Northumbria/Alan Brown/Andrew Honeyman
To extend the use of prisoner handling units (PHUs)	Legislative provisions in force and guidance issued. Guidance in Home Office Circular 67/2002. Several forces funded to test the use of designated civilian police staff in teams like PHUs	ACC David Warcup, Northumbria/Alan Brown/Andrew Honeyman
To limit the property management burden on officers	Criminal Justice Act 2003 provides discretion on the recording of property of detained persons	CC John Burbeck, Warwickshire/Alan Brown
To introduce street bail	Provisions in Criminal Justice Act 2004. Guidance and sample form issued to forces. Aiming to implement central monitoring in 2005.	Alan Brown
To introduce co-located criminal justice units	Statutory Charging is now operating in 16 LCJB Areas (all Priority Areas plus Cleveland, Hampshire and West Mercia). Shadow charging is now operating in all sites, bar 9, in the	DCC Jim Barker-McCardle, Kent/Pat Edwards

	remaining 26 non-priority areas. These areas have been notified of funding and provisional rollout dates to move onto Statutory Charging between April 2005 and April 2006. CPS Direct is operating in all 16 statutory charging Areas and is planning to extend its service to enable shadow areas to transfer to the statutory scheme.	
To extend use of fixed penalty notice scheme	National rollout of penalty notice for disorder scheme- April 2004	ACC Paul Blewitt, West Mids/Keir Hopley
Police to relinquish responsibility for escorting abnormal loads	Police stopped routinely escorting abnormal loads on 1 January 2004	CC Steve Green, Notts/Geoffrey Biddulph
To implement Livescan to all high volume custody suites	207 Livescan Units in use in 37 forces in England and Wales, including BTP.	CC Mike Baxter, Cumbria/Yosh Pitigala
To implement video identification parades to all forces	All forces are now undertaking video identity parades	DCC Steve Long, Wiltshire/George MacDonald
To change forces' approach to resource management	Force targets agreed and HMIC can advise on best practice in resource management	CC Jane Stichbury, Dorset/Sara Aye Moung
To provide supervisors with time management framework	National Occupational Standards for the police delivered	Patricia McFarlane
To explore forecourt crime reduction scheme	Guidance placed on ACPO intranet	DCC David Swift, Staffs/Penella Price
To issue guidance to forces on officers taking meal breaks in public	Guidance placed on ACPO intranet	CC John Giffard, Staffs/Lindsay McKean
To reduce the burden of best value	Guidance issued to forces in August 2003	Claire Willerton/Fionnala Gill
To pass ancillary tasks to local authorities:		CC John Giffard, Staffs/Alan Brown
-Noise nuisance	Noise nuisance provisions now in Anti-Social Behaviour Act	
-Missing persons	NCPE developed a Code of Practice to cover missing persons: September 2004.	
-Non-suspicious sudden	Luce Report into coroners'	

deaths	offices published.	
-Liquor licensing	Liquor Licensing Act allows police officers to attend hearings for licence applications only when they object to the application	
Parking enforcement	Legislative power to direct local authorities to take on decriminalised parking enforcement powers in Traffic Management Act 2004	
Holding alarm keyholder records	The Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act received Royal Assent on 8 April 2005. The alarm keyholder records provisions will come into effect by order of the Secretary of State. DEFRA are provisionally planning commencement in April 2006.	
Gaming and betting regulation	Gambling Act received Royal Assent on 7 April 2005. Commencement will be announced after the general election. DCMS envisage that local authorities will start to issue premises licences in early 2007.	
To develop use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition	The national roll out of ANPR to all forces in England and Wales is now well underway. All forces have now received the first instalment of their SR 2004 capital funding and have commenced the installation process for numerous ANPR projects.	CC Frank Whiteley, Herts/Jon Cramer
To provide forces with national briefing model (NBM)	NBM incorporated into ACPO Minimum Standards document which has been rolled out nationally as part of the NIM business	DCC Sara Thornton, TVP/Karim Hosseini

	process	
To issue forces with an income generation guide	Guidance placed on ACPO intranet and PolFIG website in April 2004	Martin Wright, Beds/Michael Grimwood
To provide a database of retired officers	Retired officer databases rolled out	CC Ken Jones, Sussex/Peter Haddock
Home Office to adopt Policy Effects Framework (PEF)	Public Services Threshold Test integral part of the Regulatory Impact Assessment from April 04	Graeme McCabe
To establish police forms editorial board	Now being taken forward as Policing Bureaucracy Gateway	
To deliver intelligence to frontline officers	Incorporated into recommendations on mobile data and briefing model.	Karim Hosseini
To reduce the numbers of false alarms	Taken forward as part of ACPO Security Systems Group's 3 year strategy for reducing false alarms	
To improve procedures for dealing with repeat incident business	Police Standards Unit identified capabilities of existing systems and guidance issued to forces	John Giffard, CC Staffs/Lindsay McKean
To issues guidance to forces on risk assessed decisions on single crewing	Guidance placed on ACPO intranet.	CC John Giffard, Staffs/Sara Aye Mounq
To provide forces with guidance to address bureaucratic practices	Guidance placed on ACPO intranet in September 2003	
To extend beyond the police the power to enter premises to save life or limb or preventing serious damage to property	Powers of emergency entry for firefighters included in Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. Home Office/Department of Health officials met in August 04 to set up small consultative group to consider operational implications for ambulance staff.	Alan Brown
To issue guidance for pre-trial assessment	The CCMF was issued as guidance for practitioners in July 2004. A revised and updated Framework will be issued this summer to take account of the Criminal Procedure Rules 2005. A further Framework for the Youth Court will be issued	CC John Burbeck, Warwickshire/Sally Arnold

	in Spring 2006.	
To introduce a field test kit for cocaine derivatives	Ministers have agreed to give Home Office approval to 2 cocaine field test kits in presumptive guilty cases. Home Office Circular issued on 10 March 2005.	Neil Jacobs, Met/Eric Downham
To pass responsibility for dealing with abandoned non-stolen vehicles to local authorities	The Clean Neighbourhoods Act gives local authorities more powers to immediately seize and destroy vehicles causing a nuisance. They are also already being encouraged to make wider use of the powers already available to them.	ACC Nigel Arnold, Devon and Cornwall/Tim Pope, ODPM
To improve the court listing process	References to listing are included in the Introduction of the Criminal Case Management Framework (CCMF), issued on 21 July 2004. The CCMF team is working across the criminal justice system to develop this area.	ACC Doug Brand, South Yorks/Mary Coyne
To address blockages in the criminal justice system	Effective Trial Management Programme will support criminal justice areas in considering the CCMF and what changes will be made to local practices in response to it.	CC John Burbeck, Warwickshire/Mary Coyne
To remove bureaucracy concerned with producing documents at a police station	The requirement to produce documents for identification purposes will be reduced by the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act provision enabling fingerprints to be taken away from a police station. Further assistance will be provided by the establishment of an MoT database and network link between the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency and MoT Testing Stations. This began going live in April and the aim is for roll out to be completed by the	CC Richard Brunstrum/Geoffrey Biddulph

	end of March 2006.	
To develop guidance on civilianisation	This is covered by HMIC's Thematic on civilianisation, the recommendations of which are being taken forward by the Home Office and HMIC.	Sir Ronnie Flanagan/Sara Aye Moung/Andrew Honeyman
To issue guidance on patrol officer streetcraft	NCPE agreed in principle to absorb the recommendation into ongoing work.	John Giffard, Staffs/Rachel Kearton
To improve call-handling	National Call Handling Standards published April 2005.	DCC Ian Readhead, Hampshire
To examine crime reporting	Guidance produced by National Bureaucracy Adviser placed on ACPO intranet in May 2005.	Ian Ackerley
To develop police support volunteer schemes in forces	Toolkit launched on 1 November 2005.	CC Peter Fahy, Cheshire/Mark Stephenson

UNDERWAY

Recommendation	Progress	ACPO/HO/APA lead
To introduce NSPIS Custody and Case Preparation	The Custody and Case Preparation programme is being used in 15 forces to date, with full roll-out across the 28 forces committed to taking the product completed by March 2007, and the MPS implementation completing in December 2007.	ACC Derek Cake, Warwickshire/Yosh Pitigala/Peter Holland
To develop a national form for the self-reporting of road traffic collisions	New national road traffic collisions form came into use in January 05. Target date for introduction of a self-reporting form is 1 January 2006	CC Richard Brunstrom/Geoffrey Biddulph
To introduce guidance on the recovery of abandoned stolen vehicles	Ministers have been concerned that the charges which apply are an unfair burden on the owners of stolen vehicles. They have accepted however that the police should continue to recover stolen vehicles as at present, that they should not have to bear the costs	Geoffrey Biddulph/Supt Chris Thompson, South Yorks

	<p>themselves and that the issue cannot be resolved by legislation or via the insurance industry. A submission is with Ministers setting out agreement reached on best practice including the use of standard letters to the owners of stolen vehicles and provision of information on and explanation of police practice and of advice on anti-theft measures.</p>	
<p>To make best use of remote access to information, including in relation to stop and search</p>	<p>Airwave available to all forces in England, Wales and Scotland since 10 May 2005, with approximately 131,000 users.</p> <p>Central Customer has compiled user requirements matrix of mobile information needs of police service. Strategy for delivery of remote data to be developed by end July 2005.</p> <p>Mobile data pilots in relation to stop and search in North Wales and Tower Hamlets. Feedback from the two sites demonstrates that IT can be effective but that officers need to receive adequate training and support. Further work is needed to identify the most appropriate hand-held device.</p>	<p>DCC Ian Readhead, Hampshire/Vaughan Asque/Andrew Honeyman</p> <p>CC Peter Fahy, Cheshire/Samantha Rust/Fionnuala Gill</p>
<p>To expand the use of the police portal</p>	<p>Online minor crime notification service is to be marketed to the public. A menu of services regarding Police Message Broadcasting (PMB) is being developed in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary. The MPS are to run a borough wide PMB</p>	<p>Ailsa Beaton, Met/Ian Bloom/Andrew Honeyman</p>

	“proof of concept” for Civil Contingency purposes with support of public and private sector stakeholders.	
To introduce automatic facial recognition technology	The Facial Images National Database system aims to deliver a national mugshot collection in line with the national policing image standards developed by the project. These standards are being presented to ACPO Cabinet.	Stephen Long, DCC Wiltshire/ Yosh Pitigala
To stop recording administrative detections where no further action is to take place	D4 document to be piloted for 3 months in Merseyside; West Yorkshire; Staffordshire; Surrey; and Essex.	CC Frank Whiteley, Herts/Graham Hooper
To pass responsibility for dealing with stray dogs to local authorities	The Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act received Royal Assent on 8 April 2005. The stray dogs provisions will come into effect by order of the Secretary of State. The LGA were given a deadline of March 2005 to consider ACPO's estimate of £1.3m transfer of resources and analysing likely costs for local authorities. Home Office now seeking to raise concerns over the delay with the LGA at senior level.	CC John Giffard, Staffs/Alan Brown
To pass responsibility for ancillary tasks to local authorities: Guarding insecure premises Animals	Proposals to transfer the tasks to local authority wardens were not included in the Safer Communities Bill. Home Office will continue to discuss options with the LGA and identify an appropriate legislative vehicle. Schedule 2 of the Animal Welfare Bill enables local	CC John Giffard, Staffs/Alan Brown

	and central government inspectors to apply for and execute search warrants without the assistance of the police. ACPO, DEFRA and the RSPCA are currently drafting an MOU to agree the roles of the police and the RSPCA in responding to and prosecuting welfare cases.	
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NOT BEING TAKEN FORWARD BY PBISG

Recommendation	Progress	ACPO/HO/APA lead
To undertake pilots to enable officers to make best use of their time while waiting to give evidence	Pilots unsuccessful. Police time wasted at court simply transferred to the police station. This links in with the work currently being undertaken on court listing.	CC John Giffard/Staffs/Sally Arnold
To allow police officers to give evidence via remote video link	Provisions in sections 137 of Criminal Justice Act 2003. No funding for pilots.	Alan Brown
To pass responsibility for lost and found property to local authorities	Ministers agreed that no further action be taken to transfer responsibility for lost property to local authorities.	Alan Brown
To amend Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to include informal action	Rejected by Ministers and ACPO before setting up of PBISG	
To draw up computerised national breath test form	Ministers agreed that the recommendation be dropped. Completion of a computerised form is not thought within the police service to offer significant advantages over a handwritten one.	CC Richard Brunstrom/Geoffrey Biddulph
To issue guidance on setting up assault and harassment surgeries	Not being taken forward nationally	Ch Supt Chris Eyre, Kent/Sue George

OTHER BUREAUCRACY-RELATED ISSUES BEING TAKEN FORWARD BY THE PBISG

Issue	Progress	ACPO/HO/APA lead
RIPA	Group of frontline officers met to review RIPA forms and processes on 12-14	Trevor Pearce/Simon Watkin

	<p>May.</p> <p>RIPA Review completed and submitted to the Home Office. The Review considered various aspects of RIPA, including unnecessary bureaucracy arising from inappropriate application of the legislation.</p>	
Frontline policing measure	<p>All police authorities/forces have action plans for delivery and milestones. Most contain challenging and robust targets for improvement. Discussions ongoing with MPS. Performance will be assessed by HMIC from 2005. RDS send out spreadsheets for 2004/05 returns in April 05 and results published with performance monitors in October.</p>	Peter Haddock
Bureaucracy relating to Local Criminal Justice Boards (LCJBs)	<p>PBISG monitoring output of unnecessary bureaucracy from LCJBs.</p>	Anne-Marie Field
Removing responsibility for pedlars' certificates from the police	<p>Proposal not included in the Safer Communities Bill. DTI, the Home Office and ODPM will continue to work to identify an appropriate legislative vehicle.</p>	Alan Brown
Secure e-mail	<p>Secure e-mail has been successfully implemented in all 42 criminal justice areas in England and Wales. An end to end review of secure e-mail is now underway, viewing the service from technical, functional and user perspectives.</p>	Andy Bloyce
Reviewing The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953	<p>Proposals to repeal the need for chief officers to authorise prosecutions under this Act were not included in the consultation paper on police powers.</p>	Alan Brown

	Home Office to work with ACPO to identify possible savings before considering amending legislation	
Setting up Policing Bureaucracy Gateway	Gateway went live on 1 September 2004	DCC Roger Baker, North Yorks/Lisa Dillon