

**National CCTV Strategy Programme Board**

Meeting Number 2

13<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Notes of discussions:

**Representatives from**

Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO)

British Security Industry Association (BSIA)

British Transport Police (BTP)

Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

Home Office - Police

Home Office Scientific Development Branch (HOSDB)

Information Commissioners Office (ICO)

Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA)

Public CCTV Managers Association (PCMA) on behalf of the Local Government Association (LGA)

Security Industry Authority (SIA)

**1) Introduction**

Apologies were received from the Department of Transport.

**2) Corrections**

SRO requested to delete HO/ACPO from the Terms of Reference. NPIA apologised for circulating the wrong (previous) version of the Terms of Reference.

**Action Required**

**NPIA to ensure correct version of Terms of Reference is in future circulated.**

**3) Agenda Item - Objectives / Shape / Achievements for the Strategy**

NPIA stated that there was a clear need for Clarification on scope and clear objectives required. ACPO felt that it was important to have Visibility of long term NPIA commitment required. NPIA replied that they were committed until March, but beyond that no firm commitment could be given at this stage.

SRO asked if the LGA could assist with Staff, The PCMA stated that they hadn't got influence at appropriate level and was pursuing leads with the LGA and awaiting feedback

SRO suggested via NPIA, LGA identify funding and person should be identified.

NPIA asked what was the primary objective of strategy?

BSIA stated that European standard will override the British standard and standards published at the end of Feb & will require proper review. HOSDB replied that we can't influence European standards.

NPIA again asked what were the priorities of strategy? SRO replied that the priorities should be those that will drive down public costs, quick wins, police specific, and performance standards. Other priorities raised were protocols with Local Authorities (that had already been started) and standard formats for CPS

NPIA suggested that the Strategy may be better presented as an end to end flow, stating that CCTV has natural flow and should we be looking at recommendations in sequence? MoJ expressed concern at possibly rewriting strategy and stated that we need to keep focus. PCMA was not convinced that the sequence of recommendations is the biggest issue whilst funding, commitment, resources were all up in the air!

There was a further discussion regarding key deliverables, original aims, objectives of strategy and ambitions.

NPIA asked if it is a policing Strategy or wider strategy? Home Office replied that it was beyond policing, it was a crime strategy. MoJ felt that there could be issues of scope re private dwellings. PCMA stated that LA's have other obligations and uses of CCTV beyond Crime and that the Strategy should encompass other uses of CCTV such as traffic management and enforcement.

#### **4) Agenda Item - Membership and Scope of the Strategy Board**

There was group agreement that an attendance from the Department of Transport is important. NPIA asked if any other members/ organisations that should be invited to attend? MoJ suggested that possibly the law society/ bar council should attend. It was suggested that sub groups would represent specific areas. A discussion followed re the possible make up of the sub groups.

#### **5) Agenda Item - Progress report**

NPIA gave overview on progress and thanked everybody for the Strategy Discussion papers received and attendance at the Workshop.

MoJ raised an issue about the CAVS recommendations.

NPIA detailed what they saw as the next steps, and presented the table of recommendations, which detailed the programme board members that had agreed to lead/co lead on each recommendation. The NPIA stated that the programme board members were only committed and agreed to lead and co-lead in further considering their strategy recommendations. At the next stage they will be asked to determine what they believe can be achieved within their existing works streams / resources and those parts that will require additional resources. This will form the basis of the next submission to ministers

Costing needs to be addressed at next stage and then we can update ministers.

MoJ asked a question regarding clarification of scope, was it pure CCTV or head cams etc as packaging of evidence overlaps with other pre recorded evidence. NPIA replied with reference to the CPS/ Courts that largely there was no difference, if the technology/protocols and practices work for CCTV it'll work for anything else.

NPIA asked if there is an obligation to update website, Home Office replied no, only to update ministers

SRO asked if there were any expectations from Ministers regarding further submissions. NPIA replied that a further submission was expected this year. Home Office asked which minister, BSIA stated it should be the one that has the opportunity to save the most money. NPIA stated it was likely to be the Policing Minister as he had agreed the first submission. A general discussion followed re costing.

#### **6) Outstanding Items**

##### **Action Required**

**NPIA to chase ACPO's outstanding action.**

#### **7) AOB**

MoJ was currently drafting guidance on presentation of evidence on CCTV & Head cams.

**7) Next Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> June 2008.