



Report to: Police Authority
Agenda Item: 5
Date: 15 June 2017
Subject: Chief Constable's Report
Sponsor: Chief Constable
For: Information

1. Introduction

1.1 This report provides members with an overview of key issues. In line with the new reporting format, this report will not touch upon areas that form the Authority Agenda.

2. Counter Terrorism

2.1 Recent attacks in Manchester (22 May) and London Bridge (3 June) highlight the significant and ongoing threat from Islamist terrorism. Following the attack in Manchester the Prime Minister announced the decision to raise the UK threat level from 'severe' to 'critical' for the first time since July 2007. The threat level reduced to 'severe' four days later on 27 May and remains the current level.

2.2 Members have already received briefings on the two terrorist attacks in Manchester and London Bridge. Counter Terrorism matters will be explored further at Agenda Item 9. The purpose of this short update is to advise members of the impact to the Force in terms of resourcing and costs in response to both attacks and the uplift to the threat level to 'critical'.

2.3 The recent incidents saw a surge in the number of officers' deployed, significant augmentation by specialist crime or HQ officers, and a change in the profile of the deployment.

2.4 In response to the incidents the Force:



- Extended shifts from 8 to 12 hours, overlapping early and late, and late and night deployments, generating up to 600 extra officers at peak times
- Deployed over 120 CID and learning and development officers to front line duty
- Integrated MDP Fire Arms officers to surge the number of specialist officers per shift, a step change from the numbers deployed routinely
- Drew on the support of over 30 Specials daily
- Stood up support teams to deliver welfare and logistics support. The former consisted of multi-disciplinary teams which operated over many days from Manchester and London and provided:
 - Health and Safety leadership
 - Trauma management personnel
 - Carefirst councillors
 - Railway chaplains
 - Employee Support Groups
 - Police Federation

2.5 In addition to extended shifts and significant augmentation, local commanders ensured the maximum officer visibility to meet the Gold strategy of visibility, deterrence and reassurance.

2.6 The cost of this additionality is being captured and a further update will be provided at the Authority meeting.

3. Infrastructure Policing Project

- 3.1 On 19 April the Chief Constable attended a meeting of the Infrastructure Policing Steering Committee. The focus of this Committee is to look at opportunities to increase collaboration, interoperability and operational effectiveness between the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC), Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), British Transport Police (BTP) and Home Office Airports Policing.
- 3.2 BTP's assumption is that the Home Office will lead the programme and as per the direction from the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary will take an increasingly influential role in the future for all organisations in scope (notwithstanding current legislative constraints).
- 3.3 The Committee noted that the three forces are already an integral part of the UK national policing service and are compliant with all relevant national standards and codes of practice. It was also noted that in some areas where the development of national arrangements has been sub-optimal, such as access to funding streams or legislative provision, a fundamental requirement of the project should be to review and improve these arrangements. Examples include in relation to innovation fund and counter terrorism funding streams, projects such as ESMCP and NLEDS, and in the formulation of relevant legislation and policing code of practice.
- 3.4 Members will be aware that this project featured in the Conservative Party General Election Manifesto. BTP continues to carry out horizon scanning activity in this area to stay abreast of political commentary and emerging policy. The outcome of the Election will inform this process going forward.