

# Conference outcomes

## Police reform

Conference believes that:

- The public do not receive the level of service they deserve from 24/7 response policing owing to competing demands on the police
- Neighbourhood policing teams will not be able to be implemented by 2008 without additional resources
- ACPO should be committed to maintaining or increasing police officer numbers

## Custody in the community

Conference believes that:

- Public servants should be held accountable for serious failures of the penal system
- All prisoners should serve, as a minimum, the time imposed by the court before consideration for release
- Sentences should not be reduced by time spent on remand.
- Remand prisoners should not be required to participate in drug rehabilitation and treatment programmes
- Rehabilitation in the community will not reduce re-offending
- Custodial sentences should not be restricted to persistent offenders or crimes of violence

## Professional development seminar

- Whilst the use of PDRs is essential to learning and development the process is not working and needs to be overhauled
- PDRs should be fair and transparent and a central part of the development of police officers
- Whilst supporting the acquisition of professional skills we do not believe they should be linked to pay
- The Thames Valley model of PDRs is not as efficient as some proclaim

### In the firing line

Conference believes that:

- Where police officers are involved in fatal incidents (shooting, custody, pursuit) they should be treated as witnesses, not suspects, until there is evidence to the contrary
- Authorised firearms officers are justified in returning their authorisation until such time as they are guaranteed fair treatment
- Where an authorised firearms officer is involved in a fatal shooting they should be indemnified provided they have adhered to their instructions and training
- The IPCC is biased and must be accountable to an independent review body

## Roads policing seminar

- Highways Agency Traffic Officers (HATOS) represent a significant and growing threat and there is a lack of commitment from ACPO and Home Office to roads policing
- Home Office performance targets need to reflect the important work road traffic officers contribute to policing
- Post incident procedures following road deaths involving police officers need to be tightened and training and accreditation standards must be consistent
- Concerns highlighted over the content of the Road Safety Bill
- Develop further communication and networking of roads policing contacts across England & Wales should be a priority