

UNIFORM WORKING GROUP

Tuesday 6th July 2010

1000-1200

John Hopson's Office

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| Present: | John Hopson Gadge Nijjar John Winnister Lesley Long Wendy Chalk Arthur Carasco Zafar Sardar Natalie Croney Tracy Jepson Tina Cox Jason Barr Shaun Rock | ADO (Chair) Project & Corporate Support Logistics Manager South West Sector H&S Rep Resource Centre Co-ordinator Education & Development North West Sector Rep - Camden EOC Staff Side Rep West Sector - Chiswick East Rep - AOM Romford South Sector Rep – Battersea Central Sector Rep – Waterloo MRU Co-ordinator – Waterloo |
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| Present: | Ruby Bhelay-Haynes | Minutes |
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| Apologies: | John Ryder Chris Harley-Sharpe Julie Shirt Eddie Brand Trevor Hubbard Harry Day Gillian Riches Pauline Cranmer | Dimensions Corporate Wear Ltd CR Rep North East Sector Rep –Tottenham Staffside / Unison Chair Infection Control H&S Training Officer Senior Resources Co-ordinator – Croydon AOM, Hanwell Complex |
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| ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 1. | <p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>RBH provided the group with apologies.</p> <p>JH welcomed group members.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Minutes were agreed as being a complete representation of the previous meeting.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Community Responders would be going into boiler suites – this was now all in progress (with GN and CH-S) and the action is to be discharged from the agenda.</p> <p>With regards to the “Trousers Trial” it was reported that we were still waiting for a response from the East area representative (Julie Shirt). JH requested RBH chase JS for the information required – this needs to be with GN by the end of this week.</p> | <p>RBH</p> <p>RBH/GN</p> |

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| | <p>With regards to slippery boots JH asked how many LA52s we have had in reporting this issue – there could be a health and safety issue which may need to be looked into by John Selby. GN is to get some boor accessory samples in to hopefully resolve this issue. JH would like John Selby to look at the LA52’s reported so far and provide us with feedback – if we want funding to obtain these accessories we will need evidence up front.</p> | <p>GN/JH</p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Baseball Caps:</p> <p>1st sample is not suitable as the embroidery was very poor. The 2nd sample has a much better shape but we are still waiting on a 3rd sample at present. Trevor Hubbard gave some samples out for “triallying” by staff at the recent Hyde Park events and feedback received was good. This is still on going and a further update will be provided by GN at the next meeting.</p> <p>When the caps eventually come in, they will go straight onto the services catalogue as with other uniform items – unless of course Senior Managers change this or don’t want this done.</p> | <p>GN</p> |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>Uniform Development</p> <p>a) <u>A&E</u></p> <p>Nothing was reported. JH spoke briefly about the issue around ‘fleeces’. GN confirmed that Dimensions were currently working on a complete new range of uniform – this included a fleece/body-warmer item. We have informed them of what our requirements are with regards to alternative garments - GN asked the group for more intelligence on what we really want. JH suggested we looked at samples of these when arrangements are made to visit Dimensions in Derby in October 2010. The group agreed this was a good way forward. GN is to arrange a meeting/visit with Dimension and inform RBH for diary entry etc (JH, GN, JW, NC JS, ZS and Eddie Brand will be attending).</p> <p>b) <u>MRU/CRU</u></p> <p>The tender process is still on going. JH is to email CH-S for more feedback on this item.</p> <p>c) <u>Education & Development</u></p> <p>Nil reported and no feedback given.</p> | <p>GN</p> <p>JH</p> |

d) EOC

ZS reported he had not had any response from Dimension to some emails that have been sent to them and he was a little concerned. (with regards to enquiries about shirts, epaulettes, shoes and kit bags etc)

After a short discussion it was confirmed that Dimension have had instructions to liaise with GN only (part of contractual agreement).

GN advised that Dimensions also are happy to liaise with Dave Lecomber - GN will speak to Katy at Dimensions to resolve this issue – will report back at the next meeting.

With regards to ladies court shoes, GN confirmed Dimensions have informed they are now supplying the new court shoe to other external agencies like the MPS etc. These are quite a lot different to the current issue - GN has been sent images of the new court shoe this is still work in progress and nothing has been decided as yet.

ZS stressed concern about some staff in EOC currently wearing their own shoes as old the ones had worn out etc. GN advised the current issue for court shoes (which are fully fit for purpose) were still available to order on e-series so staff should not be wearing their own shoes.

Issues had been recently raised with regards to trouser sizing. Some ladies had complained that the sizes were not what they should be and they have had to order a size up to fit.

DL is unsure where the problem lies (Dimensions or LAS staff) – JH suggested we get trousers quality assured to find where the problem lies. GN to contact Dimensions to resolve – will report back at the next meeting.

ZS reported that wrong size epaulette sleeves keep being sent (too big). GN informed that he had already been in contact with Dimension and this issue had now been resolved.

e) PTS

Nil reported.

f) Support Departments

Nil reported.

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| 5. | <p>Epaulettes</p> <p>GN advised that Operational epaulettes have changed colour slightly – this will happen to all epaulettes in the coming months.</p> <p>For Officers, all gold will turn into a flat style epaulette rather than the current raised effect – but we have not yet given the go ahead for dress uniform changes.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that we were still waiting for Paul Candler (Procurement) to make a decision on epaulettes - JH is to chase PC for more information as to where we are with this (to copy GN in also)</p> | JH |
| 6. | <p>New Officer White Shirt</p> <p>These have now been changed over and the new shirts are of much better quality – but only available in short sleeve at present. GN has advised that we require the same in long sleeve also. To chase them again to find out where they are with this now.</p> | GN |
| 7. | <p>DSO and above Dress Uniform</p> <p>GN advised there was currently no feedback on this item - they are still waiting for a response from Mike Dinan.</p> <p>Chris Vale on this at present and GN will bring an update to the next meeting.</p> | GN |
| 8. | <p>AOB</p> <p>Nil reported.</p> | |
| <p>Next meeting will be held on 5th October 2010 – Small group are to travel to Derby for a visit – TBC by GN</p> | | |