

**DEFENCE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS**

1. At the Defence Ministerial Committee meeting on 17 September 2008, the Committee discussed the future development of the Cadet Forces and MOD's involvement with the 2012 Olympics.
2. On the future development of the Cadet Forces, the Committee:
  - a. agreed that Cadet Forces formed a significant part of Defence and could make a significant contribution to the Government's Youth Agenda and policies, but recognised that volunteers were vital to this and that improving their lot was essential;
  - b. recognised the need to provide strategic direction for the development of Cadet Forces, but stressed that the Department had to be realistic about the resource challenge it faced;
  - c. encouraged greater cross service co-operation to help sustain and where possible develop Cadet Forces; and
  - d. agreed that further analysis and discussion was required internally and with Other Government Departments and institutions before the Department could agree how best to expand Cadet Forces in the future;
  - e. agreed that the new 3 star steering group would be responsible for taking this forward.
3. On the MOD's involvement with the 2012 Olympics, the Committee:
  - a. agreed on the overriding principle that Department's involvement with the games should involve minimal disruption to Defence business and to personnel and their families;
  - b. approved the assumption that substantial Defence augmentation would not be available to help run the Games;

- c. agreed that the Department would follow existing policy for charging for the provision of services, which in turn followed Treasury policy that there would be no additional funds available for Olympics-related costs;
- d. asked for clarification on the engagement to date by the Department with the Olympic Security Directorate (OSD).

13 October 2008