

## DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **Devon and Cornwall Police Authority** held at County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter on **Friday 15 February 2008**.

### **Present:**

Chairman.....Mr John Smith.

Sir Simon Day (P/2196 to P/2208 only), Mrs L Dunn, Mr B Greenslade, Mr M Hicks, Mr M Hodge, Mrs A Malcolm, Mrs A Mayes (Independent Member Standards Committee) ( P/2196 to P/2208 only), Mr D Money, Ms J Norton, Mrs J Owen (P/2196 to P/2204 only) Mrs V Pengelly (P/2196 to P/2208 only), Mr B Preston, Mr J Rowe, and Mr C L Wallin.

### **Officers in attendance**

#### **Police Authority**

Mr G Davey (Chief Executive), Mr J Glasby (Treasurer),  
Mrs J Norris (Assistant Chief Executive), Mrs E Tanner (Meeting Administrator).

#### **Police Force**

Mr S Otter (Chief Constable), Mr T Melville (Deputy Chief Constable), Mr B Spencer (Assistant Chief Constable), Mr C Hazelden (Director of Human Resources), Mr C Papworth (Interim Director of Finance and Resources), and Mr M Stamp, (Director Legal Services).

### **P/2196 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr M I R Bull, Mr C Bulley, Mr G Hicks, Mr M Nevitt, Assistant Chief Constable B Pennington, Assistant Chief Constable S Taylor.

### **P/2197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were received:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minute ref</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
Mr B Greenslade	All	All	Personal	Member of Devon County Council, Director of Exeter Airport	Spoke & voted
Mr J Smith	All	All	Personal	Member of Devon County Council	Spoke & voted
Mrs J Owen	All	All	Personal	Member of Devon County Council	Spoke & voted
Sir Simon Day	All	All	Personal	Member of Devon County Council	Spoke & voted
Mr M Hodge	All	All	Personal	Member of Torbay Council	Spoke & voted
Mr P Preston	All	All	Personal	Member of	Spoke & voted

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				Cornwall County Council	
Mr J Rowe	All	All	Personal	Member of Cornwall County Council, Alternate Director of the Board of Cornwall Airport	Spoke & voted
Mr M Hicks	All	All	Personal	Member of the Council for the Isles of Scilly	Spoke & voted
Mrs V Pengelly	All	All	Personal	Member for Plymouth City Council	Spoke & voted

#### **P/2198 ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION**

##### **Webcasting**

Members were in favour of continuing to webcast Police Authority meetings, however the current arrangement for this to be done by Devon County Council from their premises at County Hall was drawing to a close. It was agreed that the Authority continue webcasting its meetings at Police Headquarters from June 2008. A report for information detailing the costs be brought to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED to approve introduction of webcasting at Middlemoor.**

##### **Staffing**

Acting Assistant Chief Constable Bob Pennington was to retire on 28 February 2008. The Chairman read out a letter of thanks that was to be sent to Mr Pennington. Assistant Chief Constable Dick Stowe was due to return to his post at the Constabulary on 17 March 2008, following a secondment at the CBRN. Chief Superintendent Chris Boarland was to undertake the Acting Assistant Chief Constable post in the interim period.

#### **P/2199 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8**

There were no questions raised under standing order number 8.

#### **P/2200 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2007 were signed as a correct record.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

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- [P/2180] Domestic Violence in Plymouth. A report was considered at Performance Management Committee which included an action plan and this had been welcomed by Members.
- [P/2184] External Auditors. A letter had been sent to the Auditors regarding their fees. No formal decision had been reached however it was understood that regardless of the national outcry, no change would be made to the level of fees.

### **P/2201 A THREE YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY – 2008-09 TO 2010-11**

Members were required to determine the revenue budget requirement, capital programme and council tax levels for 2008-09, along with the associated financing issues. A report summarising the spending proposals and key issues contained in the Three Year Financial Strategy 2008-09 to 2010 –11 was considered as was a detailed financial analysis.

The aim of the proposed financial strategy was to enhance performance by resourcing and sustaining 3500 police officers and 356 police community support officers, and to provide additional resources to move 200 existing police officers to the front line by March 2009.

As always, there had been considerable Member involvement in working up budget proposals prior to this meeting.

The Treasurer highlighted several key issues as follows:

- Options to either maintain service, or to enhance service were put forward for consideration. The illustrated option for enhanced service was based on public preference for more visible local policing.
- It was a challenge to provide sufficient resources to develop the policing service whilst keeping the police precept affordable for the communities of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.
- A Three Year Financial Strategy had been developed which would enable achievement of a higher performing policing service and deliver a programme of savings; it was not financially possible to achieve these objectives in one year. The financial analysis provided for 2008-09 was firm, and for 2009-11 was indicative.
- The Government had awarded a grant increase of 2.5% for the 2008-09 financial year – lower than many.
- It was understood that some police authorities were proposing to reduce police officer numbers.
- To reduce the impact on the council tax payer, significant savings had to be made in all three years of the Three Year Strategy.
- In year one, 200 Police Officers would be released to the front line. In year 2, the full year effects of enhanced policing and costs would be felt. Further savings were necessary in year 3.
- In the illustrated option, the percentage increase in spending against budget was 4.7% in year one, and 3.5% in subsequent years. This translated to 8.94% increase in the council tax precept in year 1 and 4.94% in years 2 and 3. This was equivalent to a 23p per week increase for a Band D council tax payer. However, other options could be considered, for example a 7.94% increase in police precept was equivalent to a 20p per week increase for

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a Band D council tax payer.

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- The Government had advised that they expected the average council tax increase to be below 5% but had omitted to provide detail of how this average was to be calculated. Capping rules would be set after Authorities had fixed council tax precepts.
- If Members were to agree a police precept increase of around 8-9%, the overall average council tax increase for the communities of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly would be below 5% since a number of the councils in the area had set, or were about to set, smaller increases.
- It was anticipated that around 10 Police Authorities would set above 5% and a significant number already had a council tax above Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.
- The medium term financial strategy showed capital spending of £18.3m in year 1 followed by £23m in year 2 and borrowing limited to £12-14m per year.
- Risks included capping rules and the Force development programme - for example savings and staffing costs. Year 3 was anticipated to be particularly challenging financially.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The standstill position was 4.94% which equated to an additional 13p per week for a Band D council tax payer. The budget had been reworked over the last few days and it was proposed that a 7.94% increase in police precept be recommended which equated to an additional 7p per week from the standstill position.
- Public confidence in policing in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly had improved this year. To continue this trend more police officers on the front line were needed.
- Because of the gearing effect, minor changes in funding from Government had a significant impact on the need for council tax funding.
- Sir Ronnie Flanagan's review of policing and the shared view that office based police officers should be released to the front line.
- The national debate on police funding, the Association of Police Authorities meeting with the Minister for Policing and the need for a letter to be sent to the Minister explaining the rationale for the precept that is subsequently agreed.
- At public meetings the overwhelming view of the public is that more police officers are needed on the front line.
- The need to tackle issues around bureaucracy within policing.
- The responsibility of the Police Authority to ensure an efficient and effective policing service.
- That the Devon & Cornwall Police Authority is a low taxing authority compared to others in the region.

## RESOLVED

- (i) The continued funding of the Authority's target of 3500 police officers and 356 police community support officers and the new resources to move 200 police officers to the front line be welcomed;
- (ii) Thanks be extended to the Force for their efforts to deliver yet more significant savings over three years so reducing the potential impact on council tax;
- (iii) In this spirit, spending be rephased to deliver the desired redeployment of officers in **P/2201 A THREE YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY – 2008-09 TO 2010-11 cont'd...**  
2008-09 but with a reduced impact on council tax payers, a higher contribution from reserves in 2009-10 and further savings in 2010-11;
- (iv) The budget requirement for 2008-09 be £268,084,994;

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- (v) The revenue and capital spending plans, provisions, reserves , balances, financing adjustments, savings, prudential indicators and the summary efficiency plan be approved as in the Three Year Financial Strategy with year 1 on a firm basis and years 2 and 3 on an indicative basis – subject only to changes arising from resolutions (iii) and (iv) as summarised in amended Annex 2 attached;
- (vi) The council tax for each of the eight property bands and the precepts on the billing authorities for 2008-09 be approved as in the attached sheet;
- (vii) The Treasurer's comments on the robustness of the budget estimates, the adequacy of balances and reserves and issues of risk be noted and it be accepted that continuing Force development will involve significant changes during the year requiring robust and dynamic resource management.

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**Tax base, collection variations and precepts**

	Tax Base declared by Councils	Total Precept payable by Councils £	Surplus / (Deficit) on collection £	Amount due from Councils £	% share payable by Councils
East Devon	56,350.00	£8,012,405.79	£47,375.31	£8,059,781.10	9.4%
Exeter	37,519.66	£5,334,920.46	£9,911.00	£5,344,831.46	6.2%
Mid Devon	27,471.36	£3,906,152.68	£101,892.00	£4,008,044.68	4.6%
North Devon	34,427.01	£4,895,176.55	£14,957.63	£4,910,134.18	5.7%
Plymouth	76,444.00	£10,869,572.10	£25,537.00	£10,895,109.10	12.6%
South Hams	37,249.41	£5,296,494.23	£57,000.00	£5,353,494.23	6.2%
Teignbridge	48,688.20	£6,922,974.87	£28,572.00	£6,951,546.87	8.1%
Torbay	48,569.14	£6,906,045.66	£23,000.00	£6,929,045.66	8.0%
Torrige	22,993.21	£3,269,404.53	£60,126.00	£3,329,530.53	3.9%
West Devon	19,964.49	£2,838,751.03	£19,695.27	£2,858,446.30	3.3%
Caradon	30,813.25	£4,381,335.73	£7,033.00	£4,388,368.73	5.1%
Carrick	35,550.51	£5,054,927.57	£13,947.00	£5,068,874.57	5.9%
Kerrier	32,596.89	£4,634,951.88	£97,549.00	£4,732,500.88	5.5%
North Cornwall	32,995.41	£4,691,616.78	£60,002.46	£4,751,619.24	5.5%
Penwith	25,169.26	£3,578,817.08	-£83,975.08	£3,494,842.00	4.1%
Restormel	34,467.30	£4,900,905.39	£51,644.45	£4,952,549.84	5.7%
Isles of Scilly	1,192.00	£169,490.48	£19,000.00	£188,490.48	0.2%
	<u>602,461.10</u>	<u>£85,663,942.81</u>	<u>£553,267.04</u>	<u>£86,217,209.85</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Police element of Council Tax due for each Property Valuation Band**

Valuation band	Government multiplier		Council Tax by band		Increase	
	Ratio	%	2008/09	2007/08	per week	%
A	6 / 9	0.667	£94.79	£87.82	+ 13.4 p	} 7.94%
B	7 / 9	0.778	£110.59	£102.46	+ 15.6 p	
C	8 / 9	0.889	£126.39	£117.09	+ 17.9 p	
<b>D</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>£142.19</b>	£131.73	+ 20.1 p	
E	11 / 9	1.222	£173.79	£161.00	+ 24.6 p	
F	13 / 9	1.444	£205.39	£190.28	+ 29.1 p	
G	15 / 9	1.667	£236.98	£219.22	+ 34.2 p	
H	18 / 9	2.000	£284.38	£263.46	+ 40.2 p	

**Three Year Financial Strategy : Revenue Summary**

	← CSR 2007 →		
	2008-09 £000	2009-10 £000	2010-11 £000
<b>Base Budget Previous Year</b>	<b>256,804</b>	<b>268,085</b>	<b>277,453</b>
Inflation	8,040	7,345	7,540
Continuity Commitments	7,462	3,547	3,329
External Funding Changes	(20)	(215)	(193)
Frontline Capacity - staffing	2,375	3,125	0
Frontline Capacity - other costs	0	500	1,250
Additional ongoing commitments	0	1,500	5,000
Planned Budget Reductions and Savings	(3,125)	(420)	(157)
Force Development Programme Savings	(2,192)	(5,583)	(5,526)
Changes in appropriations to funds and reserves	(1,259)	(431)	(1,354)
<b>Illustrative Base Budget</b>	<b><u>268,085</u></b>	<b><u>277,453</u></b>	<b><u>287,342</u></b>
<b>Budget Increase</b>	<b>4.39%</b>	<b>3.49%</b>	<b>3.56%</b>
<b>Council Tax Increase</b>	<b>7.94%</b>	<b>4.94%</b>	<b>4.94%</b>

**Staffing Analysis**

Police Officers :	31st March 2008 and 31st March 2009	<u>3,500</u>
PCSO's :	31st March 2008 and 31st March 2009 (including 9 externally funded)	<u>365</u>
Police Staff :	31st March 2008	2,310
	- Vacancy Management and Service Reviews	(196)
	- Frontline Capacity release	200
	31st March 2009	<u>2,314</u>

## **P/2202 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR 2008-09**

Members considered the report which set out how investments, borrowing cash flows and banking arrangements will operate during 2008-09, and in addition proposed an Annual Investment Strategy for the forthcoming year.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Treasury management had produced some very pleasing returns during the 2007-08 financial year, with additional returns as a result of a slow down in spending, slippage against capital spend, delays in revenue spend and returns on investments. Around £2m had been earned in interest payments.
- Day to day cash management was handled by Devon County Council on the Authority's behalf. The external fund manager was achieving returns beyond the benchmark. The new Devon and Cornwall Investment fund was outperforming both.
- The Euro fund was performing well as a result of the decrease in value of the Pound against the Euro.
- Members were asked to authorise the Treasurer to create and maintain a counterparty list to include large building societies that do not have credit ratings. This is because of the decreasing number of credit rated organisations that are willing to borrow small deposits. This issue had been discussed by the Resources Committee at their last meeting.
- Borrowing was to fund the capital programme. Borrowing in 2007-08 had been at very favourable interest rates of 4.43%.
- As the current Treasury Management Strategy was working well, it was proposed that the strategy should be continued into 2008-09 with the only change being to the lending list.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Treasury Management / Investment Strategy be approved, and specifically:

- (i) the Annual Investment Strategy is approved;
- (ii) the Borrowing and Debt Management Strategy is approved;
- (iii) that Investec are retained to invest surplus funds on behalf of the Police Authority, subject to satisfactory performance;
- (iv) the services of Devon County Council are retained to provide day to day cash management on behalf of the Police Authority;
- (v) that the Police Authority continues to operate a Devon and Cornwall Police Investment Fund managed by the Treasurer;
- (vi) that the Treasurer should retain the flexibility to invest funds directly and to vary amounts invested with Investec and in the Devon and Cornwall Police Fund within the limits set out in the strategy;
- (vii) the Treasurer be authorised to create and maintain a counterparty list consistent with the principles in this strategy and sensitive to publicised changes in the fortunes of individual institutions;
- (viii) noting the use of Barclays as the Authority's bankers.

## **P/2203 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Members considered both the report of the Vice-Chair of Performance Management, in the **P/2203 PERFORMANCE REPORT Cont'd...**

absence of the Chairman, and the report of the Deputy Chief Constable. The Deputy Chief Constable also tabled a paper on Performance Targets to December 2007.

#### Performance Management Committee Report

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

#### **RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### Quanta report and performance compared with the family of similar Forces.

Members considered the performance summary presentation which provided a comparison of performance within the 'family' of 8 most similar police forces. Performance areas considered included crime, detections, crime reduction, domestic violence, user satisfaction and public confidence, road traffic accidents, major crime and performance against the 16 performance target areas. A paper providing the Performance targets for the period April – December 2007 was tabled.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The Constabulary was performing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 43 Police Forces in relation to crime reduction. Long term projections were that this would continue to improve.
- There was a decrease in the number of detected crimes however there was a higher detection rate than last year at 28%. This anomaly was as a result of a decrease in the volume of crime.
- Performance against the targets was much improved on last year. A high target had been set for user satisfaction and performance against this was very pleasing. Good use of survey results had helped in this area.
- There was a clear plan of action to tackle domestic violence.
- Performance against reducing the number of people killed on the roads: The target was to reduce the number of people killed in RTAs by 20, in fact 25 more had been killed. The reasons for this were not known however a robust enforcement campaign had been put in place. Partnership working was key in reducing deaths on roads.
- Public confidence had improved; the latest survey results showed nearly a 5% improvement.

#### Performance Report

Members considered the report of the Deputy Chief Constable which summarised the performance activity of the Constabulary to meet the targets set by the Authority.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Outstanding warrants – outstanding warrants had been subject to a significant review and options for reductions following best practice were being collated. An update report would be brought to a future meeting.
- The need for a synopsis of performance to be publicised to a wider audience and to show  
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- that progress is being made.

- Rape detections. A report to Performance Management Committee was requested on initiatives to improve detection of rape crimes.
- A presentation from the Devon County Council's Domestic Violence Team, the leading group in the country was offered for a future seminar.
- Vehicle crime in North & East Devon.
- The effectiveness of ASBOs. A balanced approach towards their use was used and an appropriate escalation process was in place.
- The use of mosquitoes – these devices were not used by the Constabulary.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

### **P/2204 Chief Constable's Report**

Members considered the report. An update to the report was tabled and presented by the Chief Constable.

Issues covered by this tabled report included:

- Progress and initiatives in relation to the green agenda.
- Recycling of Force computers and the data protection audit.
- Website hosting arrangements.
- Introduction of a central disclosure unit to centralise non-prosecution disclosures and maintain a corporate and consistent approach.
- Approval of the strategy for the implementation of mobile data.
- Provision of a direct budget for staff support groups such as the Black Police Association, Force Disability Forum, Gay Police Association, Women in Policing network and the Faith Support Group.
- The launch of the Black Police Association in Devon & Cornwall.
- Police Staff Council Handbook and recently held roadshows.
- Approval of the organisational development guidance document by the Chief Officer Group.
- The implementation of a People Gold Group to oversee staff recruitment and internal vacancies.
- The formation of an Organisational Review Team that will undertake process reviews to identify potential efficiency savings across the organisation.
- Introduction of Heads of Profession in the Chief Officer Group.
- Appointment of a new Chair of the Local Criminal Justice Board.
- Roll out of the Criminal Justice – Simple, Speedy, Summary project in Devon and Cornwall.
- Seminar to discuss the use of Penalty Notices for Disorder which had resulted in a new approach.
- A misleading article in the press regarding PCSOs.
- The return of Assistant Chief Constable Dick Stowe on 17 March.
- The retirement of Assistant Chief Constable Bob Pennington on 28 February.
- The appointment of the Chief Constable to the ACPO Head of Race and Diversity

### **P/2204 Chief Constable's Report Cont'd...**

- Business Area National Portfolio.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Agreement for the notion of central control and corporate consistency on the understanding that one size does not necessarily fit all.
- Long Service Awards for Special Constables.
- Consistently below establishment Police Officer numbers in Plymouth . The Chief Constable agreed to provide a substantive response in relation to this issue.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **P/2205 APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLES**

Interviews for the Assistant Chief Constable positions were being held on 12 and 13 March. A panel of Members was required to deal with these appointments.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman, be given delegated powers to agree the membership of a panel to deal with the appointment of Assistant Chief Constables;
- (ii) that the panel be given delegated powers to appoint Assistant Chief Constables

Subsequent to the Meeting, the following Members were appointed to serve on this panel.

- Mr John Smith
- Mrs Lynne Dunn
- Mr Mike Hicks
- Mr Martyn Hodge
- Mr Carl Wallin

#### **P/2206 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Members had approved the Strategic Plan at the last meeting and subsequently a member group had met to discuss the way forward in relation to incorporating this into the Force 3-year Strategic Plan (Policing Plan). This group were proposing that the Police Authority Strategic Plan be included in full at the beginning of the Policing Plan.

**RESOLVED that the Authority's Strategic Plan be incorporated in full at the beginning of the 3-year Strategic Plan (Policing Plan).**

#### **P/2207 REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

The Authority received reports of the Committee meetings that had taken place since the last meeting of the Authority.

#### **P/2207 REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES cont'd..**

1. A meeting of the Human Resources Committee was held on the 24 January 2008.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

2. A meeting of the Performance Management Committee was held on the 30 January 2008 . This item was considered earlier in the meeting.
3. A meeting of the Community Engagement Committee was held on the 31 January 2008.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

4. A meeting of the Community Engagement Committee was held on the 31 January 2008.

The following recommendations arose as a result of the meeting:

**[PC/254] Committee delegated powers**

Members considered which powers, if any, could be delegated from the Police Authority to this Committee.

**RESOLVED** to grant delegated powers to the Community Engagement Committee to:

- (i) Agree Police Authority consultation priorities
- (ii) Agree to conduct a full equality impact assessment following a preliminary policy audit.
- (iii) Call for the Chief Constable to report on issues relating to community engagement activity and, when appropriate, to consult, comment upon and monitor against action planning.
- (iv) To receive, consider and agree action against reports from PALM meetings with onward reporting to the full Police Authority.

**[PC/255] Police Authority Consultation priorities**

Members considered areas for Police Authority consultation during 2008/9. Due to staffing resources available, it was suggested two topics for consultation were agreed.

**RESOLVED** that the Police Authority approve that its consultation priorities for 2008/09 should be “ease and quality of contact” and Neighbourhood Policing with an emphasis on “visibility”.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

5. A meeting of the Resources Committee was held on the 7 February 2008.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

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6. A meeting of the Standards Committee was held on the 29 January 2008.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

7. Meetings of the Urgency Committee were held on 7 January 2008 and 4 February 2008.

Members noted the decisions taken by this Committee.

#### **P/2208 INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING REPORT**

Members considered the report which provided a summary of issues arising from Independent Custody Visits during the period 1 July to 31 December 2007.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Immediate access and access to custody areas in busy times. The Chief Constable agreed to ensure that all custody staff know the right of Independent Custody Visitors to have access to custody areas at all times, unless their own health and safety would be put at risk.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **P/2209 ASSOCIATION OF POLICE AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

Members noted the meetings held by the Association of Police Authorities since the last meeting of the Police Authority.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Work pressure on the Association of Police Authorities and subsequent prioritisation of work. The Chairman reported that working with children was a high priority.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **P/2210 POLICE AUTHORITY LIAISON MEETINGS**

Members noted the meetings held since the last meeting of the Police Authority.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **P/2211 SIR RONNIE FLANAGAN'S REVIEW**

A summary of the recommendations arising from Sir Ronnie Flanagan's review that impacted most directly on Police Authorities was tabled. There were no specific recommendations around the future of Police Authorities. Section two of the review was about policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A Home Office Select Committee had also been set up as a group to look at this.

#### **P/2211 SIR RONNIE FLANAGAN'S REVIEW Cont'd...**

The Green Paper was now awaited which would address the future role of Police Authorities. This was due to be issued in April. Members would consider this at a future Seminar.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Local accountability and local engagement.
- The National debate around Police Authorities.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

**P/2212 CLOSED ITEMS - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that the items detailed in the table below be considered as closed items:

<b>Minute number</b>	<b>Report title</b>	<b>Relevant Act</b>	<b>Relevant section</b>
P/2213	Insurance Renewal	Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to information) Act 1985	Schedule 12A, paragraph 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

**P/2213 INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Members considered the report. The proposals incorporated significant savings. The report was brought before the full Police Authority because of the need for a decision before the next meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee which had delegated powers. The Chair of Corporate Governance Committee and members of the sub-group tasked with considering the options supported the proposal.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The Authority's Property Damage, Fidelity Guarantee and Personal Accident/Travel insurance cover be placed with AIG (Risk Management Partners) under a new Long Term Agreement of 4 years.
- (ii) Engineering Inspection be renewed with Zurich Municipal.
- (iii) Marine insurance be renewed with Navigators and General.
- (iv) Motor and combined liability insurance be renewed with AIG (Risk Management Partners) under the current Long Term Agreement.
- (v) Authority be delegated to the Treasurer in consultation with the Chair of Corporate Governance to agree renewal terms for the helicopter.

The meeting closed at 12:15hrs.

Signed.....
Date.....