

## DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **Devon and Cornwall Police Authority** held at Police Headquarters, Middlemoor, Exeter on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009**, commencing at **10:00hrs**.

### Present Authority

Mr J Smith.....Chairman  
Mr M Bull.....Vice-Chairman

Sir Simon Day, Mrs L Dunn, Mr B Greenslade, Mr M Hodge, Mrs A Malcolm, Mr D Money, Ms J Norton, Mrs J Owen, Mr B Preston, Mrs L Williams, Mrs L Price and Mrs J Zito

### Officers in Attendance

Mr R Martin (Acting Chief Executive), Mr J Glasby (Treasurer) Miss N Walters (Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive)

### Force

Mr S Otter (Chief Constable), Mr T Melville (Deputy Chief Constable), Ms D Simpson (Assistant Chief Constable), Mrs S Goscomb (Interim Director of Finance and Resources), Mr C Haselden (Director of Human Resources) and Mr M Stamp (Director of Legal Services) and Mrs S Taylor (Assistant Chief Constable)

### P/2322 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Hicks, Mr M Hicks, Mrs V Pengelly, Mr J Rowe and Mr B Greenslade (Up until 11:00)

### P/2323 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reminded everyone that the meeting would be Webcast live.

### P/2324 Declarations of Interest

Members declared the interests detailed in the table below.

Name	Agenda Item	Minute ref	Interest	Details	Action taken
Sir Simon Day	All	All	Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of Devon County Council</li> <li>• Chair of the South West Regional Assembly</li> </ul>	Spoke & voted
Mr B Greenslade	All	All	Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of Devon County Council</li> <li>• Member of North Devon District Council</li> <li>• Non Executive Director of Exeter Airport</li> <li>• Appointed to APA by</li> </ul>	Spoke & voted

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				DCPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointed to Assembly of European Regions by Devon County Council</li> <li>Daughter's partner is a serving Police Officer in Devon and Cornwall</li> </ul>	
Mr M Hodge	All	All	Personal	Member of Torbay Council	Spoke & voted
Mrs J Owen	All	All	Personal	Member of Devon County Council	Spoke & voted
Mr J Smith	All	All	Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member of Devon County Council</li> <li>Member of Assembly of European Regions</li> <li>Board Member of Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre</li> </ul>	Spoke & voted
Mr B Preston	All	All	Personal	Member of Cornwall Council	Spoke & voted

### P/2325 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

### P/2326 Questions raised under Standing Order No. 6

No questions were raised under Standing Order No.6

### P/2327 Minutes

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Minor typing and grammatical amendments to the minutes
- The format for future minutes
- Future dates of Police Authority Seminars and Meetings

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

### P/2328 Amendment to Police Authority Contract Standing Orders

The Treasurer presented a report recommending an amendment to the Police Authority Contract Standing Orders financial thresholds.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The proposal – for the Head of Procurement to use his discretion with contracts between the sum of £14,000-£40,000 and carry out a risk assessment as to whether the contract should go to tender

- That all of the above cases would be logged
- Members called for the process to be reviewed after 6 months
- That any complex decisions would be brought to the Authority by the Head of Procurement
- The need to ensure purchasing reflects local priorities

**RESOLVED** that the proposed amendment to Contract Standing Orders financial thresholds be approved and the text of the orders be amended accordingly.

#### **P/2329 Performance Management Committee**

The Chairman of the Performance Management Committee gave Members an update on the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- That there had been an increase in the numbers of Total Crime Sanction Detections to 29.8% - The Constabulary were congratulated on this achievement
- That the proportion of offences 'taken into consideration' (TIC) had risen from 4% to 9% over the last three months. There will be a continued focus on increasing the number of TICs
- That for public confidence, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary were second highest in the country and currently 13<sup>th</sup> in the country for Overall Satisfaction
- That SOCRATES was scheduled to be implemented by the end of March 2009 but there has been some slippage in the timetable

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

#### **P/2330 Performance Reports**

This report presented by the Deputy Chief Constable summarised the performance activity of the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary to meet targets set by the Authority in its Annual Plan and used iQuanta to benchmark with most similar forces.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- 2009/10 Performance Targets
- That the current performance for the target 'to exceed 65% of uniformed officers' time spent on visible policing activities (May/Aug/Nov 2008 ABC data combined) is currently achieving target
- The 'Public Confidence' target
- That there is a positive downward trend in 'Serious Acquisitive Crime' based on a rolling 12 month.
- Members were updated on the recording methodology for the most serious violent crime target
- The 'Total Crime Sanction Detection Rate' target. Appreciation was voiced to staff who had made a contribution in achieving the performance measure reaching its one year milestone target of 30%
- The Sexual Offences Sanction Detection Rate – the positive contribution of work from ACC Simpson was noted
- Explanation as to how user satisfaction is broken down. This is carried out by a nationally agreed telephone survey, allowing data to be compared with other Forces
- Members queried why user satisfaction of other diverse groups were not subject of a target
- Clarification as to how the one year Milestone Target of 30% for 'Sexual Offences Sanction Detection Rate' is set
- That it would be useful for the Independent Advisory Group to give a presentation to Members at a Police Authority Seminar – the presentation to include an update for Members and how our services impact on the community

- The public perception of PCSO's
- Appreciation from the Authority to the Constabulary for their hard work and commitment on leading to improvements in performance

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **P/2331 Chief Constable's Report**

This report provided a general update on policing issues since the last meeting of the Police Authority.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- That a 2012 Strategy Board has now been established and had its first meeting on 2 March 2009.
- An update on the 2012 Procurement Process
- An agreement has been reached on Operation Quest is progressing and commenced pilots to improve operational business processes in March. The benefits from Operation Quest are beginning to emerge
- The Chief Officer Group have agreed the way forward for new operational premises for the major crime investigation team (MCIT) together with a new Major Incident Room.
- Update on the HMIC Inspection of Human Resources
- That the Chief Constable attended a national conference "Stephen Lawrence Inquiry – 10 years on" which was hosted by the NPIA. The conference was to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of the Macpherson Report
- That the Force hosted the National Senior Women in Policing Conference between 30<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Update on regional ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) collaboration (Operation Utah) – positive comments were expressed from Members
- That the Force is looking at extending the highly successful 'Street Pastors' scheme. This is a partnership between local churches, Christian groups, local authorities and the police
- Confirmation that arrests being made under the Terrorism Act are being monitored locally and nationally

**RESOLVED** to note the reports.

### **P/2332 Regional Collaboration**

The Vice-Chairman informed Members that he had attended a Regional meeting of Chief Constables and Police Authority Chairmen from across the South West region to discuss a range of work of shared and collaborative work projects.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- That an update of the meeting was circulated in the Member Newsletter
- That the progress over the last 12 months on this collaborative work has been significant. It was clear that there was a great deal of work being done to try to achieve shared services and through that objective create savings in costs and improve effectiveness
- That the dynamics of the group make the achievement of some of the objectives challenging

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

### **P/2333 Police Dog Welfare Report**

The Acting Chief Executive presented a report which had been prepared by the Police Dog Welfare Scheme Administrator. The report summarised the output from the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Police Dog Welfare Scheme for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Clarification around the table which showed the number of police dogs seen by Animal Welfare Independent Visitors during the period – Members were concerned that at a number of police stations no dogs had been seen. This was due to the dogs being operational when the visits took place
- Appreciation to the Volunteers who are involved in the scheme
- Clarification around who follows up any issues that are reported during the visit

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **P/2334 Committee Minute Pack**

Members were presented the Committee Minute Pack. This pack provides minutes of the Committee meetings that have taken place since the last meeting of the Authority on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The Chairman withdrew a recommendation to the Authority regarding the payment of Selection Panel Members that had been resolved at the meeting of the Chairs' Committee (C/82) on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009.
- A debate around the process of the Independent Member Process. This would be reviewed following the conclusion of the current process
- Whether or not notes from 'Working Groups' should come to the full Authority meeting

**RESOLVED**

- i. that the recommendation relating to the payment of Members on the Selection Panel of Independent Members be withdrawn
- ii. That the minute pack be noted

### **P/2335 Consideration to Exclude the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** that the item detailed in the table below be considered as Closed.

<b>Agenda item No</b>	<b>Minute No</b>	<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Relevant Act</b>	<b>Relevant section</b>
14	P/2336	Update on the Core Delivery Programme	Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to information Act 1985)	Schedule 12A, Paragraph 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority

**P/2336 Update on the Core Delivery Programme**

A brief update of the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary Core Delivery Programme was given to Members.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- An update on the work of the Authority's Task and Finish Group
- Clarification around dates throughout the report
- Clarification on acronyms

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 12:50hrs

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