

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES of a meeting of the **Devon and Cornwall Police Authority** held at Police Headquarters, Middlemoor, Exeter on **Friday 10 December 2004**.

Present:

Mrs J Owen (Chairman), Mr D Money (Vice Chairman)
Mr L D Brokenshire, Mr M I R Bull, Mr C Bulley, Sir Simon Day, Mr I P A Doggett, Mr M Hicks, Mr B C Greenslade, Mr S M Malloni, Mr M Nevitt, Mrs C J Ryan, Mr J Smith, Mrs A Talbot, Mr W D Thomas, Mr P Tregunna and Mr C L Wallin.

P/896 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from;
Mrs Wallis (Chief Constable) and Mrs O Dendy

P/897 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

P/898 ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

An additional item for part II was declared. There was a need to apprise Members on the ICT Managed Services tender.

P/899 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 October were signed as a correct record.

P/890 AUDIT COMMISSION MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Treasurer welcomed Peter Arkell, District Auditor for the Audit Commission to the meeting.

Mr Arkell drew members' attention to the key messages within the Annual Audit Management Letter which summarised the conclusions and significant issues arising from audit work carried out. The Audit Letter represented the completion of the work set out in the audit plan covering both the 2002/03 and 2003/04 financial years and work to date for the plan for 2004/05. Issues covered included Performance Management, Accounts and Financial Position.

National Crime Recording Standard

This was the second year of the National Audit of crime recording. The Constabulary had continued its commitment to the National Crime Recording standard during 2003/04. It had maintained its overall rating of 'Green'. All actions recommended by the Audit Commission had been implemented and a further action plan had been developed for the current year. A National report was expected to be published before the end of the year which would identify best practice.

Activity Based Costing

All Forces were required to implement Activity Based Costing in 2003/04. The Constabulary had been assessed and had been rated as 'Good' overall. A new system had been put into place this year which was more detailed and featured different gradings. An action plan had been agreed.

Best Value Compliance

There were no issues arising on the Best Value Performance Plan.

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Accounts

The Authority was considered to be in a good position to meet the required deadlines. An audit opinion had been given and there were no issues arising. Regulation 4 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 had resulted in the requirement to undertake an annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and to publish a statement on this with the authority's financial statements. A list of actions for full compliance for 2004/05 was in place.

Financial Position

No concerns had been identified. Financial pressures continued however good arrangements were in place.

The Chairman thanked Mr Arkell for such a positive report.

In discussing this item, the following issues were raised:

It was reported that a preview of the draft National Audit Commission report in relation to NCRS had identified Devon & Cornwall Constabulary as having a 'Green' traffic light. If this proved to be the case, it would be particularly pleasing since the target to achieve a 'green' rating had been raised to 95% (90% last year).

The Audit Commission's opinion was to be valued because it was totally independent.

It was felt important that the opinions contained in the Audit Letter should be made easily accessible to the public. The document would be published on both the Audit Commission and the Police Authority website. It was requested that a bulleted list summarising the content of the report be made available for Members use at the next round of Police Authority Liaison meetings.

Public consultation identified that value for money was important to the public. It was felt that this report may not provide sufficient information in this respect. However, there were other more 'public' orientated reports that did satisfy this requirement. There was a need to have reports such as the Audit Letter that, although more 'internal', prove that the Constabulary are handling finances satisfactorily.

The Audit Commission agreed to feed back a query about whether or not the Constabulary could benefit by way of a lighter audit in 2005 as a reward for achieving high results against the NCRS in 2004. If agreed, this could allow them to focus more on operational policing.

P/991 INTERNAL CONTROL & RISK MANAGEMENT

2004 had seen a number of changes in public finance. In particular, there was a new audit requirement for Members to sign up to a Statement of Internal Control to be published with the accounts for 2004/05 and beyond. It was suggested that a new committee be formed to deal specifically with this requirement and to deal with the current probity and regularity audit responsibilities currently discharged by the Performance Management and Audit Committee. It was suggested that this new committee could in time develop to encompass corporate governance.

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Membership of the committee should be independent of the Resources Committee and Budget Working Party to ensure a true scrutiny process.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- i) an audit committee be established along the lines suggested in the report;
- ii) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Police Authority to determine Membership of the Audit Committee
- iii) The committee be granted delegated powers to agree regularity audit plans.

P/992 CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT

ACC Stowe updated Members on the following investigations:

Operational Lorimar (Penzance) – two men had been charged with the murder of George Jenkin and had pleaded not guilty at a court hearing in November. The case was due to go to trial in April 2005.

On 21 October Jeanette Bidford had been tragically killed on the A390 by a front wheel which had become detached from a passing lorry. Forensic examinations were ongoing and a file would be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service in due course.

Officers were congratulated for their part in the investigation of multiple rape and robbery in Torquay. Two youths were currently awaiting sentence – it was hoped that life imprisonment would be served.

Homicides in 2004 had risen to 19. At one stage, the Constabulary had six homicides reported in eight days. Of the six, one had proved not to be a homicide, four had resulted in charges, and one in the offender being sectioned.

The murders in the Force in 2004 had caused at the highest point the extraction of 200 officers. – A high level of extraction continues.

The issue of the length of time that roads are closed following road traffic collisions was raised, ACC Stowe confirmed that this was necessary due to the need for the area to be treated as a crime scene to ensure a professional and thorough investigation. This practice is in line with other Forces.

Firearms

[1.11] Firearms Incident – Exmouth

A man contained and arrested by armed officers in Exmouth on 15 September has been charged and will be going to court in February.

Road Traffic Collisions

[1.22] Fatal Road Traffic Collisions

There were 13 people killed in road Traffic Collisions in Devon and Cornwall between October and December. Four of those killed were riders or passengers of motorcycles and four were pedestrians. The number of Road Traffic Collisions had reduced by 12%, however those resulting in fatalities or very serious injuries were on the increase across both Counties. It was suggested that an increase in traffic officers would help to reduce RTCs. DCC Arnold commented that this would be considered when preparing the budget for 2004/05.

In response to the question whether analysis was been undertaken in conjunction with the Highways Department to determine the reasons why RTCs involving motorcycles were high,

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ACC Stowe responded that most of the serious motor cycle accidents occurred in country lanes when riders travelled at excessive speed. The Constabulary did work with the Highways Department, however it was felt that on the whole it was an education issue. Members requested a presentation on this topic in due course.

It was noted that two fatalities on the roads had involved horse riders. Although rare, there was an argument for the provision of publicity to educate vehicle drivers on the hazards of country roads.

[1.25] Police Pursuit

At Redruth on 8 November, police attempted a routine traffic stop on a Ford Mondeo. The vehicle failed to stop and during a short pursuit by traffic units, the Mondeo reverse rammed two police vehicles causing damage.

The male driver was arrested and charged with driving while over the prescribed alcohol limit, two counts of driving whilst disqualified, failure to stop and dangerous driving. ACC Stowe commended officers for their level of skill in dealing with this kind of incident.

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Other

[1.29] False Imprisonment – Plymouth

On the evening of 3 October a male was located in the Prince Rock area of Plymouth claiming he had been assaulted. The male alleged he was taken to an address where he was held against his will and assaulted. He told officers he had managed to escape with a chain and weight still attached to his leg.

Three people were arrested at the address and one man currently stands charged with false imprisonment. Another two men were released with no further action.

[1.42] Operation Pamplona – Missing 8-year-old boy

On 28 October police were informed that an eight-year-old boy from the Exeter area was missing from Bridge Reeve, Chulmleigh, where he was part of a group on an organised trip.

An extensive search by the Exmoor and Dartmoor rescue groups, TAG, diving officers, dogs and the helicopter searched the area until 2am and resumed the search at 7am with the use of a trained bloodhound from Hampshire Police. The boy was found around midday safe and well. He told police he had got lost in the dark and had taken shelter under a tree, keeping warm with leaves.

Officers were commended on their time and effort. The area had been searched three times but due to the movements of the young boy, he was not located straight away.

Court Successes

[1.50] Drug Gang Get 35 Years

Police halted a drug smuggling and supply route operating from a caravan in Paignton when they arrested and charged four men.

Heroin with a street value of nearly £3,000 was being shipped into Paignton from Liverpool each month. The gang was uncovered when their cars were pulled over and searched. Officers found drugs, large sums of money and a set of scales in the vehicles, together with documents, which showed heroin, was going to be regularly shipped into the area.

The four men – two from Liverpool and two from the Torbay area – received a total of 35 years.

It was queried whether there was a high level of internet paedophilia in the area and if so, what the impact on police resources was. Investigating cases of paedophilia was a priority for the Constabulary, and ACC Stowe informed members that there was currently two high risk operations ongoing at Force level and a further 30 operations ongoing at local level. Over 40 cases had already been investigated. Paedophilia was an international subject and the Constabulary worked in partnership not only with local organisations such as Social Services, but with organisations abroad such as the FBI.

It was felt important that the public should be made aware of the work the Constabulary was doing to deal with this type of crime and an article on the Force website would be welcomed.

Members were invited to visit the Constabulary's High Tech Crime Unit which dealt with paedophile crimes.

The Constabulary was increasingly becoming involved in investigations on behalf of the Ministry of Defence which in the past had been dealt with by the MOD police. Whilst it was usually forensic assistance that was requested, there were costs involved and at this time there was no provision in place for reimbursement. This may now need to be considered.

It was the Government's intention to focus on pre-emptive policing to deal with the increasing levels of violent crime. It was considered that if the Constabulary had not already involved itself in pre-emptive policing, the incidents outlined in the report could have been that much worse.

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Operational Priorities

[2.1] Quarterly Crime Figures

Police recorded crime figures showed a consistent fall in vehicle crime and burglary across Devon & Cornwall. Domestic burglary and crime had both fallen by 16% between April and June, when compared to the same quarter in 2003.

An overall increase in recorded crime (5%) underlined the Force's commitment to recording incidents accurately.

ACC Stowe, though disappointed at the small rise in overall crime, was encouraged by the significant reduction in burglary and car crimes and the willingness of the general public to report incidents to the police.

Problems with re-offenders were still an issue.

[2.2] Mindful Employer

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary has joined other local employers at the launch of a new initiative – the Mindful Employer – by signing up to the Mindful Employer charter which aims to provide more support to businesses recruiting and retaining staff.

The Mindful Employer is facilitated by Workways, run by the Devon Partnership NHS Trust and provides guidance and practical support for people whose mental health affects their ability to find or retain employment, training, education or voluntary work.

Chief Superintendent Steve Smith said this initiative would allow the Force to demonstrate its commitment to its staff, underlining its status as a caring employer.

This was a very positive step forward.

[2.3] High visibility road campaign in North and East Devon

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Police in Devon have been urging drivers to keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists as the winter mornings and evenings get darker.

Figures show a rise in the number of people being injured on the roads of North and East Devon compared to the same period last year.

Shopkeepers have also been reminded to ensure the safety of their paperboys and girls.

Throughout October neighbourhood beat managers visited local shops in the area offering advice to shopkeepers and their delivery people with 'Be Safe – Be Seen' high visibility material. Credit was given due to the minimal number of accidents with horses however more needs to be done to educate riders on safety.

[2.4] Rat Trap set for car criminals

An innovative new scheme has been tackling car crime in South and West Devon.

Covert capture vehicles, fitted with the latest satellite tracking and video technology, have been parked in hot-spot car crime areas and left unattended. The initiative aims to catch people committing vehicle crime while at the same time deterring potential offenders.

Leaflets, posters and other advertising material have been handed out for display in prominent locations. Stickers asking the question 'is this a covert capture car?' have also been distributed as a deterrent to members of the public to put in their cars.

[2.10] Opening of Brixham police enquiry office

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On 5 November, a new police enquiry office was opened at the town hall in Brixham. The enquiry office, which is fully supported by Torbay Council, will be the first of its kind in the Force area and will be staffed separately from the main police station.

The new office is situated within the building of the Brixham town hall making this location a 'one stop shop'. The office will also be the base of neighbourhood beat managers and the local traffic warden. The existing police station will remain and will be the base for other officers and staff.

It was requested that an evaluation of the Brixham police station be undertaken by way of monitoring the number of visitors. This should be done for all police stations and would assist in decisions about the location of police stations in the future.

It was confirmed that the enquiry desk at Brixham police station should not be closed over the lunch period.

[2.13] Road safety for children

Police Officers in Cornwall have teamed up with the county council in a new drive to improve road safety for school children.

Operation Arrive Alive adopts the national goal of reducing the number of children killed or seriously injured on the roads by 50% by the year 2010 and regarding parking, failure to wear seatbelts and speeding.

More than 11,000 letters have been sent out to parents of pupils at 30 schools in West Cornwall, detailing the statistics and problems that exist on roads around the schools and

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including a copy of the Highway Code for Young Road Users to help teach road safety issues to children.

This was very positive work with the councils.

[2.17] Sponsorship deal helps community policing in North Devon
Neighbourhood beat managers will now find it easier to reach small villages around Barnstaple thanks to sponsorship by a local car dealer. Seat dealers Croyde Motors painted one of their cars in Devon and Cornwall Constabulary livery and handed it over to Chief Inspector Sarah Nutt to assist community policing work in North Devon.

The brand new Seat Altea will enhance the role of neighbourhood beat managers from Instow to Bratton Fleming as they will be able to visit rural locations more easily.

The Constabulary has considered the ethics of accepting sponsorship from businesses and it is happy to engage with companies willing to provide free resources. The Treasurer agreed to look into the VAT implications concerning ownership of such resources at the request of a Member.

It was requested that future reports include reference to the impact of Automatic Number Plate Recognition activity. The Constabulary was not currently investing significantly in ANPR because of the focus on Neighbourhood policing and other pressures on the budget. Despite this, the Constabulary was considering a ANPR Laser Team for the future.

Awards and Commendations.

[3.1] & [3.2] Congratulations was given to Sandy Hodges and Karen Jamieson for their achievements

[3.5] Congratulations were also given to the 28 officers and staff in Cornwall who had been presented with awards at the ceremony in Truro in November.

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Successes and Challenges – update

Road Traffic Collisions

[4.4] The Force was committed to reducing the number of casualties and fatalities on the roads and this was demonstrated by the latest figures. At Force level there were 434 casualties in the period April 2004 to October 2004. This was down 12.7% on April to October 2003. Current performance exceeded the 3% reduction target, and continued the reducing trend in casualties from last year (a 23.9% reduction in 2003/04). This indicated that the Constabulary was doing well considering the increase in traffic, the poor road network and the large number of visitors to the area. .

Personnel

[4.7] Police Officer strength as at 31 October 2004 stood at 3,355.7 officers. This was an increase of 45.1 officers since 31 March 2004 and was on target for the year end level of 3,400 by March 2005.

Members were pleased with the progress.

Job Evaluation update

[4.8] Progress was being made in Job Evaluation negotiations as the key stage prior to implementation was being reached. The police authority had involvement through the HR Committee.

Sickness

[4.9] Average working days lost per staff member through sickness was down on last year. The level of medical retirements is good. The Occupational Health Support Unit was commended.

Recovery of Assets

The total assets ordered by the Courts in the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary area from defendants between 01/04/04 and 28/10/04 was £983,718.52. The breakdown was: £964,730.51 confiscation orders under the Criminal Justice Act 1988, as amended, Drug Trafficking Act 1994 and proceeds of Crime Act 2002, with £18988.01 from forfeiture orders under Section 27 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Of the assets recovered, the majority would go to the Treasury, however the Constabulary should retain approximately £300,000.

In discussing this report, the following issues were raised:

The Beat Manager in Barnstaple had been seconded to Ilfracombe to assist in the inquiry there but had now returned to her beat. The local Police Authority Member had not been notified of her return. Members were advised that should they require information about the number of NHB managers, their hours on duty and on the beat and other similar information, it was available on the territorial policing HR system. ACC(TP) offered to supply such information by request.

The number of Constables in Plymouth, shown in the report as being under strength, was not of any considerable concern. The shortfall was minor and would balance out over time. BCUs were unable to cope with large influxes.

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It was suggested that the issue of secondments within BCUs be discussed with BCU Commanders at the regular meetings that Members had with them. Using people's skills to the best of their ability was a sound reason for secondments within the police force.

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All funding streams had been extended by two years by the Home Office. Additional PCSOs would be funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal fund. Decisions would be made in May / June 2005 as to how this funding would be spent however it was not yet clear what the fund would be or what arrangements would be put in place. ACC (TP) was currently working on a PCSO strategy and it was anticipated that this would be presented to Members in the New Year.

The increase in the number of Special Constables was welcomed.

The impact of SOCA on secondments was queried. It was thought that some staff seconded to SOCA may return to the Constabulary and the number of secondments could reduce. The Constabulary was receiving full reimbursement for all secondments to NCS and NCIS. Members requested a briefing on SOCA to enable them to learn more about the organisation.

The percentage of minority ethnic officers was 0.7% against a target of 1%. Although the Constabulary was making progress in this area and the target of 1% had been achieved in the past, the challenge was to sustain this figure over time.

Spotlight on Success included a piece on the William Goad case. Panorama was currently in the process of making a documentary about the case and the Constabulary had been involved.

RESOLVED to note the report.

P/993 2005-06 BUDGET

The grant increase in the Provisional Settlement for Devon & Cornwall Police Authority was 3.75%. This was better than feared but was the lowest increase in the country. It was suspected that one reason for the allocation was the use of the 1991 census data which was clearly out of date, however there were no obvious patterns in the allocation of the grant. The Police Authority faced a difficult task when setting the budget for 2005/06. There was no provision in the settlement for additional police officers and this would have to be squared with the council tax. Capping was a significant issue.

It was pleasing to note that the Association of Police Authority's campaign for more funds for policing had been a partial success. However, it was suspected that future years would see limited increases in policing grant and it was therefore considered important that this Authority set the budget to achieve the target number of 3500 police officers in 2005.

A list of the grant settlements awarded to all Police Authorities was requested by Members.

P/994 UPDATE ON ACTUARIAL VALUATION

The actuary had not yet provided results of the evaluation of the Pension Fund however the recommended figures for the Authority's contribution for civilians was approximately £0.5m extra per year each year for the next 3 years followed by contributions at the higher level over the next 22 years to resolve the situation. There was a right of appeal against the recommended contributions if it was considered necessary however this action needed to be taken in early January 2005.

RESOLVED that, the Vice-Chair of the Authority being unavailable at the required time and the Chairman of the Police Authority declaring an interest, delegated powers be given to the Treasurer in consultation with the Chairman of the Resources Committee to decide whether or not to appeal.

P/995 REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

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

1. A meeting of the **Best Value Committee** was held on 17 November 2004 which raised the following issues to be resolved at the Full Authority.

Corporate Communications

RESOLVED to

1. appoint a Head of Corporate Communications as manager of the Communications Department at
 - a) Command Team level or
 - b) as a regular contributor to Command Team meetings, to inform strategic direction and consistent decision making in line with the communications strategy.
 - c) Establish and deliver a clear Communications Strategy, incorporating a defined brand and corporate standards for the Constabulary, that will consistently support the identified vision, mission and values of the organisation.
 - d) Create a Communications Department with an integrated structure that addresses the varying customer demands across the services provided within the units. The department will be able to advise on alternative service providers as and when required.
 - e) Appoint Communications Officers in the BCUs to provide a communications resource within each of the 4 BCUs. Such officers will integrate with the BCU Senior Management Teams and will also maintain linkages with the Communications Department through the Head of Corporate Communications as head of profession to ensure compliance with the Communications Strategy.

Traffic

RESOLVED

1. To review the RDIM and assess the impact upon the Traffic resource for Devon & Cornwall Constabulary and identify the potential for any national changes to the manual.
2. To improve the performance indicators and targets in relation to public safety on the roads of Devon and Cornwall at both the departmental and Force level.
3. To develop the working relationships with the BCUs with a view to improving the tasking of level 2 resources.
4. To examine current collaboration with neighbouring Forces and other organisations with the intention of maximising public safety on the road.
5. To review the current and potential demands placed upon Roads Policing (Traffic/ARVs) in relation to resource availability and its impact upon delivering Neighbourhood Policing.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

2. A meeting of the **Human Resources Committee** was held on 16 November 2004.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee. It was noted that the HMIC review of Training had not yet been received. It was AGREED that a reminder would be sent.

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3. A Meeting of the **Performance Management & Audit Committee** was held on the 19 November 2004.

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee. Mrs Ryan commended the good work being carried out by the Violent Crime Gold Group.

At a recent APA Performance Management Policy Group, Paul Abraham of the PSU had highlighted the importance of aligning CDRPs and performance. Work in this area was ongoing and it was recommended that Strategic Development and Government Office support should be encouraged.

It was noted that many Authorities were being invited to Criminal Justice Boards for their target setting meetings. The Chairman of the Police Authority had attended the Devon & Cornwall Criminal Justice Board as an observer.

1. A Meeting of the **Planning and Consultation Committee** was held on the 2 December 2004

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

2. A Meeting of the **Professional Standards Monitoring Group** was held on the

Members noted the items discussed by the Committee.

P/996 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Twenty applications had been received from members of the public interested in serving as an independent member of the Police Authority. Under the current selection process, four names had been submitted to the Home Secretary. Two names would be returned in due course, and the interviews were scheduled to be held on 18 February.

RESOLVED that a panel of 5 Members, 4 Councillors and 1 Magistrate, with delegated powers, interview and appoint an Independent Member from 1 March 2005. Subsequent to the meeting, the following Members were appointed:

Sir Simon Day
John Smith
Mike Nevitt
Mike Hicks
Jill Owen

P/997 STANDING ORDERS FOR TENDERS AND CONTRACTS

As a result of a collaborative initiative with other Forces in the South West and Wales and Devon County Council it was intended to manage the tender and quotation processes using electronic means.

Before the new system is fully implemented, a tender process will be selected as a pilot and the auditors will be involved in a review of that pilot. Full implementation of the system will be dependent on the Chief Executive and Treasurer being satisfied by the Audit Report.

In discussing this item, it was requested that all successful contractors must have a diversity policy in place and that sponsorship deals must be vetted before being accepted.

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RESOLVED

1. Standing Order 6 be amended as follows:

“Marking and custody of tender documents: Where invitation to tender is made, every invitation shall state:

- a) the place where and time by which the tender shall be submitted;
- b) that no tender will be opened unless it is either received in a plain sealed envelope which shall be clearly marked ‘TENDER FOR....’ followed by the title of the contract or received electronically in the designated format;
- c) that tenders received after the appointed time for submission will not be considered.

2. Current Standing Order 7 be deleted.

Replace with:

“ A) The Chief Executive & Clerk to the Authority shall maintain a record containing full details of all tenders received, this will include the names of the contractors selected after tenders are opened and will be available for inspection by Members of the Police Authority.

B) Paper based tenders shall remain in the custody of the Chief Executive & Clerk until the time appointed for their opening.

C) Electronically received tenders shall remain in their unique, secure electronic safe until the time appointed for their opening.”

P/998 POLICE AUTHORITY LIAISON MEETINGS

A recent visit from the VOSA team to the Isles of Scilly had helped improve the visibility of police on the island..

The PCSO was now trained to issue fixed penalty notices and this was welcomed.

There was currently one Sergeant one PC and three specials based in St Mary’s however they were also responsible for policing the outlying islands and with no resident Customs & Excise and over 100,000 visitors during the summer months, their workload was very demanding.

P/999 DATE OF DECEMBER POLICE AUTHORITY MEETING

The date of the meeting in December clashed with an meeting attended by ACPO and Police Authority representatives. No suitable alternative dates had been identified.

RESOLVED to determine an alternative date for the December Police Authority meeting at a later date.

P/1001 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A of the Act, being information relating to

- i. Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

The following items were considered in closed session by the committee with only members of the police authority, appropriate officers and expert advisors present, on the grounds that exempt / confidential information may be disclosed. A summary of the item follows each heading.

[P/1000] ICT Tendering - The Constabulary has been going through a procurement process for the provision of ICT Managed Services. Regular updates have been given to the Resources Committee and the Authority has been represented on the project board overseeing the procurement.

[P/1002] Intranet Phase II – There was a presentation about the Force Operational Engagement Team.

[P/1003] Hunting With Hounds - Work was in hand on a national, regional and local basis to establish policies and procedures for policing hunting wild mammals with dogs when it is made unlawful in February 2005.

[P/1004] Government White Paper – Building Communities, Beating Crime - The Chief Executive gave a presentation on the Government white paper – building communities, beating crime.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm