

**NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**8 APRIL 2009 AT 1.30 PM**

**WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

**AGENDA**

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2009**

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2009.

- 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2009**

- 3.1 Monitoring of Origin of Catholic Applicants to the PSNI (Item 3.1 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.2 Improving the Effectiveness of Committee Business (Item 3.5 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.3 Review of Officials Attendance at PSNI Regulation 20 Committee Review Panel (Item 3.8 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.4 Repositioning Of Officers September 2008 (Item 3.11 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.5 PSNI Firearms Policy and Implementation Status of Armed Response Vehicles (Item 3.13 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.6 Media Briefing On Committee Programme of Work (Item 4.1 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.7 Suspension of Civilian Staff (Item 4.5 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.8 Human Rights Advisor's Briefing (Item 5 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.9 Proposed Research – Evaluation of PSNI – Recommendation 4 of the Independent Commission Report on Policing in Northern Ireland (Item 5 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.10 Terms of Reference for Thematic Inquiry on Children and Young People (Item 7 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.11 Police Appeals Tribunal (Item 8 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.12 Investigation into the Attempted Suicide of A Detained Person at Antrim Police Station on 27 April 2005 (Item 9.2.1 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.13 Stop and Search (Item 11 of Minutes Refers)**
- 3.14 Consideration of Eames /Bradley (Item 12 of Minutes Refers)**

- 4. CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

## **5. HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISOR'S BRIEFING**

The Committee will receive a briefing from the Human Rights Advisor regarding;

**5.1 DNA Retention**

**5.2 Covert Surveillance**

**5.3 Patten Recommendation 4**

**5.4 Stop & Search**

**5.5 PSNI Firearms & AEP**

**5.6 Code of Ethics**

## **6. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC**

The Committee is asked to discuss a proposal.

## **7. PRESENTATION ON POLICE COMPLAINTS IN NORTH BELFAST**

Presentation by District Commander 'A' District.

## **8. OFFICE OF THE POLICE OMBUDSMAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Committee to consider Comparative Statistics vs Most Similar Forces to include Complaints processes prepared by Policy Directorate.

Representatives from OPONI will address the Committee regarding;

- Current PSNI complaints
- North Belfast Pilot Mediation Project

## **9. DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT**

The Deputy Chief Constable and the Head of Professional Standards Department will attend the Committee meeting to discuss :

- Current suspended and repositioned officers Statistics;
- Long-term suspensions;
- Comparative suspension & resignations against most similar police services in GB;
- Consideration on the use and appropriateness of Superintendents Written Warnings (SWWs).

The Committee will also receive an update on the following issues:

- Progress on Recommendation 17 of the Human Rights Annual Report 2008;
- PSNI Response to Taylor Report;
- Views on Code of Ethics for civilian staff within the PSNI following transfer from the NICS to PSNI;
- Prevention/Detection of Data protection breaches;
- Update on Drink Drive Policy post Judicial Review;
- Update on Supt Written Warnings review.

## **10. TASER JUDICIAL REVIEW**

The Committee will receive a verbal update on the outcome of the Judicial Review on TASER which was scheduled to begin on 30 March 2009.

## **11. COMMITTEE AWAY DAY**

The Committee is asked to consider the attached proposal for an 'away day' to discuss Committee effectiveness.

## **12. 12.1 INFORMATION PAPERS**

- 12.1.1 Statistics on the use of CS Incapacitant Spray**
- 12.1.2 Parliamentary question - Domestic Violence - Sentencing**
- 12.1.3 Regulation 20 Review Panel meeting - 4 March 2009**
- 12.1.4 Parliamentary Questions - Historical Enquiries Team**
- 12.1.5 Domestic Abuse Inquiry roundtable meeting - 25 February 2009**
- 12.1.6 Registration of Notifiable Memberships**
- 12.1.7 Update on Public Inquiries**
- 12.1.8 Northern Ireland Appropriate Adult Scheme**

## **12.2 POLICY DIRECTIVES/SERVICE PROCEDURES**

- 12.2.1 PSNI Policy Directive** – Substance Misuse PD 11/08
- 12.2.2 PSNI Service Procedure** – Positional Asphyxia and Excited Delirium SP 59/2007
- 12.2.3 PSNI Service Procedure** – PSNI Forensic Submissions Procedures SP 5/2006

## **12.3 CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS**

- 12.3.1 Article from the 'Police Professional' magazine**
- 12.3.2 NI Affairs Committee Press Notice**
- 12.3.3 Recent press articles of interest**

The Committee is asked to note the papers.

## **13. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

The Committee is asked to consider whether there are any questions arising out of this meeting which it wishes to raise with the Chief Constable at the next Board meeting.

## **14. COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES**

The Committee is asked to consider if there are any items arising from the meeting that should be included in a news release.

## **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members are asked to consider whether there are any other issues they wish to raise.

## **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee is asked to agree the date of the next meeting for Wednesday 10 June 10.00am in Waterside Tower.

**Secretariat  
March 2009**