

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 APRIL 2009 AT 11:00AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: (1) Mr Alex Maskey (Chairperson)
Mr Tom Buchanan
Mr Leslie Cree
Ms Mary McKee
Mr Gearóid Ó hEára
Mr Suneil Sharma
Mr Peter Weir

CJINI IN ATTENDANCE: (2) Dr Michael Maguire
(2) Mr Bill Priestley

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr David Jackson, Director of Community Engagement
Dr Debbie Donnelly, Deputy Chief Executive
6 Board Officials

- (1) Item number 1, 2, Part 3 and 4
- (2) Item number 3

1. APOLOGIES, ETC

Apologies were received on behalf of David Rose and Barry Gilligan. NOTED.

2. MINISTERIAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS AND DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee considered a paper on the NIO Consultation documentation 'Local Partnership Working on Policing and Community Safety – A Way Forward'.

The Board's Deputy Chief Executive updated the Committee on the timescales for responding to the consultation.

Members discussed various aspects of the review:

- Examples of districts where DPPs and CSPs do work more closely need to be developed;
- The relevant aspects of the Crime and Disorder Act and the implications of this for a future partnership model;
- How this will relate to Community Planning arrangements;
- The need for co-terminosity between Councils and Police Districts;
- Future role of the Board.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

- That officials should arrange a briefing, for Members, on the relevant aspects of the Crime and Disorder Act;
- Officials to draft options for a future partnership model for the next Committee meeting.

3. CJINI POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY INSPECTION REPORT

Due to the Chair of the Committee having to temporarily leave the meeting, Members agreed that Mr Sharma should chair this part of the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Dr Maguire and Mr Priestley to the Committee. Dr Maguire gave the committee a brief overview of the findings from the Policing with the Community Inspection Report and the next stage of monitoring the PSNI progress against the Recommendations. Members welcomed this report and acknowledged the value of the report as complementing the work of the Community Engagement Committee in monitoring Policing with the Community.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED

- monitoring of the recommendations for PSNI is incorporated in the Board's framework for monitoring Policing with the Community;
- to continue to support Community Engagement Committee to meet with CJINI;
- To consider the appropriateness of the Board's framework for monitoring Policing with the Community and review if necessary.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Irish Language Communities

The Committee was advised that there would be a meeting of the Irish Language Community at the City Hotel, Derry on 19 May 2009. All Committee Members are invited. NOTED.

4.2 Future Business

The Committee was advised that it had a number of key pieces of work to progress over the coming year so that it could properly demonstrate that it was fulfilling its statutory duties.

Members were asked to consider and agree what the Committee would need to do and how they should go about doing this work.

It was:-

AGREED:

- A half day workshop would be arranged to consider the future work of the Committee.

4.3 Recruitment Advertisement For PSNI

The Chair of the Committee drew Members' attention to a recent PSNI recruitment advertisement which he felt was inappropriate and crude. It was:

AGREED:

- Members would be provided with colour copies of the advert;
- Officials would write to PSNI advising that the advert was inappropriate.

(Meeting closed at 1.05 pm)

Secretariat
April 2009

Chairperson