

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD
HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2009 AT 9.30 AM

WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2009

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2009.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 8 APRIL 2009

- 3.1 PSNI Firearms Policy And Implementation Status Of Armed Response Vehicles** (Item 3.5 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.2 Suspension Of Civilian Staff** (Item 3.7 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.3 Custody Visitors Scheme** (Item 4.2 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.4 Human Rights Advisors Briefing** (Item 5 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.5 Children and Young People Thematic** (Item 6 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.6 Presentation on Police Complaints in North Belfast** (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.7 Deputy Chief Constable and Professional Standards Department** (Item 9 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.8 Committee 'Away Day'** (Item 11 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.9 Statistics On The Use Of CS Incapacitant Spray** (Item 12.1 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.10 Questions for the Chief Constable** (Item 13 Of Minutes Refers)

4. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

- 4.1 Letter to Belfast Harbour Commissioner**

5. MEETING WITH PARADES COMMISSION

The Committee is asked to note the information provided.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISOR BRIEFING

- **McCord – Update**
- **Amendment to TASER guidance**
- **Stop and Search – Update**
- **Patten Rec 4 – Update**
- **Inappropriate Associations – Update**
- **TASER Post Implementation Review Report**
- **NIPB response to PACE Consultation**
- **DNA**
- **Resign / Retire issue**

The Human Rights Advisor will brief the Committee on the above.

7. COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Committee is asked to consider a paper and note that a presentation will commence at 12.00pm in relation to this item.

8. BRIEFING PAPER ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS & PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE'S THEMATIC INQUIRY ON DOMESTIC ABUSE REPORT

The Committee is asked to consider if they are content to accept the joint monitoring arrangements agreed by the Human Resources Committee at their meeting on 14 May 2009

9. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE COMMITTEE BY INTERNAL AUDIT

The Committee is asked to formally agree:

- The terms of reference for this internal audit;
- The arrangements for the 'away day'.

10. BRIEFING PAPER ON THE PSNI RESPONSE TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (NIHRC) REPORT ON A VISIT TO ANTRIM PSNI STATION ON MONDAY 23 MARCH 2009

The Committee is asked to note the information provided.

11. UPDATE ON INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITOR SCHEME

The Committee is asked to:

- Consider the proposed approach to developing the Custody Visiting Scheme; and
- Resolve to approve this approach.

12. INFORMATION PAPERS (Vol 2)

- 1 Extract of Minutes – 7 May 2009 Board Meeting**
- 2 Background Briefing Notes: Children and Young People Thematic For Members of HR&PS Committee**
- 3 The Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) position paper – TASER**
- 4 Parliamentary Questions – Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission/Historical Enquiries Team/Police Service of Northern Ireland**
- 5 Report on a visit to Antrim PSNI Station by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission on Monday 23 March 2009**
- 6 Update on PSNI Firearms Policy**
- 7 Briefing note on custody visits carried out under the Terrorism Act**
- 8 Custody Visitor Statistics**
- 9 Stop and Search Statistics for January to March 2009**
- 10 Complaints against the Police Service of Northern Ireland 2008/09**
- 11 British Irish Rights Watch response to Northern Ireland Policing Board’s Monitoring the Compliance of the Police Service of Northern Ireland with the Human Rights Act 1998, Human Rights Annual Report 2008**
- 12 The Association of Chief Police Officers/Home Office Guidance on the Safer Detention & Handling of Persons in Police Custody**
- 13 Police Service of Northern Ireland, Professional Standards Department Statistics**
- 14 Updated paper on Police Service Comparative Statistics**
- 15 Update on Public Inquiries**
- 16 Letter from ACC McCausland to Chairman, dated 24 April 2009, in relation to the introduction of the substance misuse policy**
- 17 Letters from DCC Leighton to the Police Ombudsman, dated 10 April 2009, in relation to Regulation 20 Reports**
- 18 Lost/Stolen Police Items**
- 19 Police officers dismissed from service in the last year, police officers who have criminal records and leave of absence and stress related illness**
- 20 The number of police officers based in the Strabane District Command Unit who have been suspended or disciplined**
- 21 Chief Inspectors who have been disciplined by Professional Standards Department**
- 22 Questions in relation to police officers currently under investigation for suspected involvement in illegal activity/suspected crime**
- 23 Questions in relation to the number of police officers since 2000 who have been convicted of offences via the courts**
- 24 Disciplinary hearing and appeals**
- 25 Service Policy on Superintendent’s Written Warnings**
- 26 Officers subject to formal investigations by Professional Standards Department into “Privacy and Confidentiality” matters**

The Committee is asked to note the information provided.

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. COMMUNICATION 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 26 August 2.00pm in Waterside Tower.

**Secretariat
May 2009**