

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2009 AT 2:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **MEMBERS:**

Mr Barry Gilligan (Chairman)

Mr Alex Attwood

(1) Mr Basil McCrea

(1) Mr Daithí McKay

(1) Mrs Mary McKee

(2) Mr Alex Maskey

Mrs Rosaleen Moore

#### **MINISTER OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:**

(2) Rt Hon Paul Goggins MP

#### **NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE IN ATTENDANCE:**

(2) 2 Representatives

#### **SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY IN ATTENDANCE:**

(3) 2 Representatives

#### **HER MAJESTY'S REVENUE AND CUSTOMS IN ATTENDANCE:**

(3) 2 Representatives

#### **POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:**

(3) Mr Drew Harris (ACC Crime Operations)

#### **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Adrian Donaldson (Chief Executive)

Dr Debbie Donnelly (Deputy Chief Executive)

Mr David Jackson (Director of Community Engagement)

(4) Mr Sam Hagen (Director of Corporate Services)

Mr David Wilson (Director of Planning)

Mr Peter Gilleece (Director of Policy)

3 Board Officials

- (1) Except Part Item number 2
- (2) Item number 2 only
- (3) Item numbers 2 and 3 only
- (4) Part Item number 3 to close

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Brian Rea (Vice Chairman), Mr Ian Paisley Jnr and Mr Trevor Ringland. NOTED.

Apologies were also received from Professor Sir Desmond Rea in respect of items 2 and 3.

## 2. BRIEFING BY MINISTER OF STATE REGARDING THE WORK OF THE ORGANISED CRIME TASK FORCE

The Chairman welcomed the Rt Hon Paul Goggins MP, Minister of State and his colleagues from the Organised Crime Task Force (OCTF) to the meeting.

The Committee received a confidential briefing on the work of the Organised Crime Task Force. Details are attached in a confidential appendix, Appendix 'A'.

It was:

### **AGREED:**

That the Committee should seek a meeting with a representative(s) of the Border Agency to brief Members on its role in relation to Northern Ireland and the Agency's working relationship/interaction with PSNI.

### **3. DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY AND HER MAJESTY'S REVENUE AND CUSTOMS**

The Committee received a confidential briefing on the work of the Serious and Organised Crime Agency and HM Revenue and Customs. Details are attached in a confidential appendix, Appendix 'A'.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

#### **4.1 Minutes Of The Corporate Policy, Planning And Performance Committee Meeting Held On 17 September 2009**

The Committee considered the draft minutes of the meeting, and it was:-

#### **AGREED:**

That the draft minutes of the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee meeting held on 17 September 2009 should be agreed.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

#### **5.1 Monitoring Of The Outstanding Patten Recommendations (Item 3.1.1 Of Minutes Refers)**

This matter was dealt with under item 8.

#### **5.2 Vetting Of Contractors (Item 4.3 Of Minutes Refers)**

Members considered a copy of the Crown Solicitor's advice, referred to in a letter received from ACC Criminal Justice on 24 August 2009, regarding the vetting of contractors. NOTED.

Members' attention was drawn to a letter dated 1 October 2009 from the Crown Solicitor regarding vetting of contractors and pension forfeiture. NOTED.

Officials advised that further clarification had been sought from PSNI regarding definitions and that the response would be brought back to the Committee in due course.

### **5.3 Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJINI) Follow Up Report On Handling Volume Crime And Police Bail (Item 6 Of Minutes Refers)**

A reply was awaited from the PSNI in respect of 4 recommendations contained in the report. Officials advised the response would be brought to the Committee when it was received. NOTED.

### **5.4 Northern Ireland Policing Board's Statistical And Research Strategy 2009 – 2013 (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)**

Members were advised that a meeting of the Sub Committee to consider the proposed statistical and research strategy had been arranged for 23 October 2009. NOTED.

## **6. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Engagements**

The Chairman highlighted the following engagements which he had undertaken on behalf of the Board:-

- meeting with OPONI - 29 September 2009;
- briefing to Group of Vietnamese Officials - 2 October 2009;
- meeting with new Director of Security Services in Northern Ireland – 7 October 2009.

NOTED.

t was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Director of Security Services should be invited to meet with Members at a mutually suitable date.

**6.2 Publications**

There were no matters arising.

**6.3 Correspondence**

There were no matters arising.

**7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS**

**7.1 Conference**

The Chief Executive advised Members of the following conference:-

- National Citizen Focus Policing Conference – Liverpool – 24 November 2009.

**7.2 Amendment To Code Of Conduct For Policing Board Members**

The Chief Executive referred Members to paragraph 18 of the Code of Conduct for Policing Board Members. He advised that the wording of the paragraph required amendment as a result of a change in the reporting format of the Board's Annual Accounts from UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP) to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

It was:-

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Board give approval for paragraph 18 of the Code of Conduct to be amended to read “Additionally, as the Board is required to follow *International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)*, Board Members must facilitate compliance with the requirement, under *International Accounting Standard 24*, for material transactions with related parties to be disclosed in financial statements. “Related Parties”, include family members or members of the same household who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, Board Members or Senior Management.”

**8. FRAMEWORK FOR THE ONGOING MONITORING OF OUTSTANDING PATTEN RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee considered a paper which set out a proposed programme of work for monitoring the outstanding recommendations in the report of the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland (Patten Report), and preparation of a report to mark the close of the Patten Report phase of policing reforms in 2010.

The Committee considered the proposed programme of work.

It was:-

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Board give approval to the proposed programme of work, at an estimated cost of £20k.

## **9. NIPB CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2009- 2010 – 6 MONTH ASSESSMENT**

The Committee considered a paper which detailed the 6 month assessment of progress in relation to the targets contained in the 2009/10 Northern Ireland Policing Board Corporate Business Plan. NOTED.

It was:-

### **AGREED:**

That the assessment should be published on the Board's website.

## **10. INFORMATION PAPERS**

The Committee considered the following information papers:-

### **10.1 Summary Of Responses To Alternatives To Prosecution**

### **10.2 News Release Regarding New Measures To Tackle Low Level Crime Unveiled**

NOTED.

## **11. MATTERS TO BE RAISED WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

A Member referred to the upcoming investigation into the interface between the PSNI and the Public Prosecution Service Northern Ireland (PPSNI) and suggested that following the briefing regarding organised crime, this might be an area for discussion with the Chief Constable. The Chairperson of the Human Rights and Professional Standards Committee advised that the interface would be considered by the Committee

when the report was received from CJINI. The Committee had also agreed to write to CJINI raising a number of concerns regarding the interface. Officials advised that draft letters to CJINI and the PPS would be brought to the next Board meeting for all Board Members to consider. NOTED.

## **12. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

There were no matters arising.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **13.1 Criminal Justice Inspectorate Northern Ireland (CJINI) Report On Scientific Support Services In The Police Service Of Northern Ireland**

The Committee considered a paper which provided an update on the PSNI's implementation of outstanding recommendations arising from a CJINI report on Scientific Support Services in PSNI.

It was:-

#### **AGREED:**

That the update provided by PSNI should be forwarded to CJINI to seek their assessment of the position.

### **13.2 Domestic Burglary Advertising Campaign**

The Committee considered a paper, tabled at the meeting, which sought Committee agreement to the provision of part funding to a joint advertising campaign with PSNI and NIO to raise awareness of opportunistic burglary and to encourage homeowners to follow an anti-burglary routine of "Close It. Lock It. Check It".

The Committee was reminded that the Board had fully supported and funded the development of a joint approach in 2008 and had supported the previous campaign. The Board had been asked to support a further phase of the campaign, scheduled to run from December 2009 to March 2010. Officials advised that £25k had been profiled in the Board's budget to support the campaign.

It was:-

**RECOMMENDED:**

- that the Board give approval to part funding of up to £25k in support of the campaign.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

- that the Committee be provided with an Evaluation Report on the subsequent campaign.

### **13.3 Restorative Justice**

The Director of Community Engagement informed Members that the lead officer for ACPO on Restorative Justice was visiting Belfast in November 2009. The date of the conference coincided with the date of the next Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee meeting.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the officer should be invited to join the Committee for lunch on 19 November 2009 to discuss Restorative Justice.

#### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 19 November 2009 at 2:00pm.

(Meeting closed at 4:10pm).

**Secretariat**  
**October 2009**

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**Chairman**