

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2010 AT 2:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

Mr Alex Attwood (Chairperson)
Mr Leslie Cree
Mrs Rosaleen Moore
Professor Sir Desmond Rea
Mr Trevor Ringland
Mr Peter Weir

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Mr David Best, Director of Finance & Support Services
- (1) Mr Duncan McCausland, ACC Operational Support
- (1) Mr Mark McNaughton, Head of Strategic Financial Services

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Adrian Donaldson, Chief Executive
Mr Sam Hagen, Director of Corporate Services
3 Board Officials

- (1) **Item number 5 only**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Gearóid Ó hEára. NOTED.

2. MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2009

The Committee considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December 2009.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the minutes of the Resources and Improvement Committee held on 11 December 2009 be agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETINGS

3.1 Matters Arising From The Meeting Held On 20 November 2009

3.1.1 PSNI Managed Vehicle Recovery Scheme (Item 5 Of Minutes Refers)

This item was deferred to the next Resources and Improvement Committee meeting.

3.2 Matters Arising From The Meeting Held On 11 December 2009

3.2.1 PSNI Report On Expenditure (Item 5 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee noted correspondence from PSNI giving an update on the security situation. NOTED.

3.2.2 Assisted Removals (PSNI) (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)

This item had been actioned.

3.2.3 General And Occasional Authorisations To Sell, Supply, Keep And Consume Intoxicating Liquor At Police Establishments (Item 8 Of Minutes Refers)

This item had been actioned.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

5. PSNI FINANCE

5.1 PSNI Report On Expenditure To December 2009

The Chairperson welcomed ACC Operational Support, the PSNI Director of Finance & Support Services and PSNI Head of Strategic Financial Services to the meeting.

The Director of Finance and Support Services briefed the Committee on the Expenditure Reports to December 2009.

- **Payroll Costs** –Year to Date - there was an underspend of £4.5m against a budget of £401m;
- **Other Programme Costs** – Year to Date - there was an underspend of £4m against a budget of £178m;
- **Other Resource Costs** – there was an underspend of £9.8m against a budget of £32m;
- **Receipts** – there was a surplus of £2m in this area;
- **Total Resource DEL(Excluding Pensions)** – the total resource DEL variance is a net over spend of £41.5m at 31 December 2009;
- **Capital** – there is an overspend of £0.5m against a budget of £23m.

5.2 Outcome Of November Monitoring Round

The Committee noted the outcome of the November 2009 monitoring exercise and the decisions taken by the Finance Committee of the NIO's Departmental Board. NOTED.

5.3 PSNI Finances And Efficiencies

The Committee considered a detailed report from PSNI on the proposed PSNI budget for 2010/11.

ACC Operational Support, the PSNI Director of Finance and Support Services and the Head of Strategic Financial Services were in attendance to brief the Committee on the proposed budget and to answer any questions the Committee may have.

The Committee raised and discussed some of the following issues:-

- PSNI numbers and in particular, PSNI numbers on frontline duties and also the number of civilian staff;
- the effect on the PSNI budget should devolution on policing be agreed;
- increasing costs of close protection;
- cost of the current dissident threat and security situation.

The Director of Corporate Services advised the Committee of the tight timescale for submitting the budget to the NIO and the need to obtain Board approval.

Following a discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

- that the approved security budget, as presented to the Committee, should be submitted to the NIO;
- that PSNI should provide the Committee with more details of the numbers of police officers and civilian staff, and the exact areas where it is proposed to employ civilian staff to release police officers to frontline duties.

6. NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 2009

The Committee noted the details contained in the Board's management accounts to December 2009. NOTED.

7. NATIONAL POLICING IMPROVEMENT AGENCY (NPIA) INDEPENDENT VALIDATION REVIEW OF MOBILE DATA, TRAINING AND IT PROVISION – OCTOBER 2009

The Committee considered the response from PSNI on the actions being taken to address the 10 recommendations made in the NPIA Independent Validation Review of Mobile Data, Training and IT Provision.

Following a discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That officials should write to the NPIA and ask if the progress to date is considered to be sufficient, and also to ask the NPIA to set specific timescales for the completion of the actions from the review.

8. POLICE PROPERTY FUND

The Committee considered a paper which brought to Members' attention, the initial views as a result of the monitoring and evaluation of the administrative process for the allocation of monies from the Police Property Fund. NOTED.

The Committee was asked to agree not to make a grant in aid allocations from the Police Property Fund during 2010.

It was:-

AGREED:

That officials should present a paper to the Committee in the Autumn 2010 on the scheme administration.

9. INFORMATION PAPER

9.1 PSNI IS Strategy Monitoring Information

The Committee considered the following information paper on the PSNI IS Strategy Monitoring Information. Following a brief discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

- that PSNI should provide further information on the position and progress with business cases;
- to invite PSNI to present at a future Resources and Improvement Committee meeting specifically to provide an update on the Call Management system from an operational perspective.

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

There were no questions for the Chief Constable.

11. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

There were no matters arising.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Protocol On The Policing Architecture

It was:-

AGREED:

That the document on the Protocol on the Policing Architecture should be sent to all Board Members prior to a discussion at the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee on 21 January 2010.

12.2 AWAY DAY

Members were reminded of the Committee 'Away Day' planned for 29 January 2010, to consider the work programme for the Committee during the 2010/11 year.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee was arranged for Friday, 19 February 2010 at 10.00am.

(Meeting closed at 4:00pm).

Secretariat

January 2010

Chairperson