

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2010 AT 11:30AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **MEMBERS:**

- Mr Dominic Bradley (Chairperson)
- Professor Sir Desmond Rea (Vice Chairperson)
- Mr Jonathan Bell
- (1) Mr Leslie Cree
- Mr Trevor Ringland

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

- (2) Mr David Best, Director of Finance & Support Services
- (2) Superintendent John McCaughan, Command Secretariat
- (2) One PSNI Representative

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

Mr Sam Hagen, Director of Corporate Services  
Three Board Officials

- (1) Item number 5.1 to close
- (2) Item numbers 5.1 & 5.2

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Mrs Rosaleen Moore and Mr Gearóid Ó hEára.  
NOTED.

No conflicts of interest arising from the agenda were declared by Members.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2010**

The Committee considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 November 2010.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the minutes of the Resources and Improvement Committee held on 19 November 2010 be agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS**

**3.1 Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 15 October 2010**

**3.1.1 Call Management (Item 9 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Committee noted a copy of the PSNI report on the Mystery Shopper Initiative.  
NOTED.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That a news release should be issued welcoming the results of the independent quality assurance review on how the PSNI handle non emergency phone calls.

**3.2 Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 19 November 2010**

**3.2.1 Budget 2010 Ring fencing Of PSNI Budget (Item 5.1 Of Minutes Refers)**

This matter was dealt with at item number 5.2.

**3.2.2 Report On Expenditure For October 2010 (Item 5.2 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Committee noted a paper, tabled at the meeting, regarding payment of overtime to PSNI Officers during the period September to November 2010. NOTED.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the PSNI should be asked to provide the Committee with a breakdown of overtime costs on a monthly basis.

**3.2.3 December Monitoring Round Submission (Item 6.2 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Committee asked Officials to arrange for the Deputy Chief Executive to provide a report to the next meeting of the Committee regarding issues relating to security measures at Waterside Tower.

**4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS**

The Chairperson had no issues to raise with the Committee.

**5. PSNI FINANCE**

**5.1 Report On Expenditure For November 2010**

The Chairperson welcomed the Director of Finance and Support Services and his colleagues to the meeting.

The Director of Finance and Support Services briefed the Committee on PSNI expenditure up to November 2010.

The Committee noted details of the various PSNI financial issues.

|                                    | <b>Actual<br/>£k</b> | <b>Budget<br/>£k</b> | <b>Variance<br/>£k</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Staff Costs                        | 358,201              | 370,641              | 12,440                 |
| Non Staff Costs                    | 95,113               | 106,045              | 10,932                 |
| Historical Enquiries Team          | 3,609                | 3,995                | 386                    |
| Receipts                           | (4,905)              | (3,961)              | 944                    |
| Cash Payment of Provisions         | 60,960               | 56,411               | (4,549)                |
| Depreciation & Impairment          | 18,393               | 20,405               | <b>3,259</b>           |
| Hearing Loss & Equal Pay Provision | 23,050               | 0                    | (23,050)               |
| DEL Pensions                       | 10,366               | 10,064               | (302)                  |

Members discussed the following with the PSNI:-

- air support costs,
- future recruitment costs;
- consultancy fees;
- the cost of injury on duty awards

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That Officials should provide the Committee with additional information regarding costs of injury on duty awards.

**5.2 Budget 2010 – Ring fencing Of PSNI Budget**

The Committee considered a paper, tabled at the meeting, which outlined the following options for considering the PSNI's budget allocation for the 2010 budget period:-

- the Department of Justice Budget under a ring fenced scenario;
- a Northern Ireland Executive settlement.

The Committee discussed the implication of the proposed options with the PSNI Director of Finance and Support Services. The PSNI representatives advised that on balance the PSNI would opt for the ring fence option, but acknowledged that this would require the development of a very challenging 4 year Efficiency Plan.

## **6. NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD ACCOUNTS**

The Committee noted a paper which outlined details of the Board's Accounts to November 2010. NOTED.

## **7. GENERAL AND OCCASIONAL AUTHORISATIONS TO SELL, SUPPLY, KEEP AND CONSUME INTOXICATING LIQUOR AT POLICE ESTABLISHMENTS**

The Committee considered a paper regarding general and occasional authorisations to enable the selling, supplying, keeping and consumption of intoxicating liquor at specific locations on police property.

It was:-

### **RESOLVED:**

- to approve general authorisations under article 84 of the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 and Article 51 of the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to enable the selling, supplying, keeping and consumption of intoxicating liquor at:-
  - Fermanagh District Command Recreation Club for the period 1 January to 31 December 2011.
  - Foundation Faculty Recreation Club, Garnerville, Belfast for the period 1 January to 31 December 2011.

- to reaffirm the operation of the scheme of delegation for Officials to approve extensions to the general authorisations and applications for occasional authorisation in line with PSNI service procedures;
- to ratify the delegated authority taken by Officials to approve 9 requests for extensions to general authorisations and requests for 6 occasional authorisations in police establishments.

## **8. ASSISTED REMOVALS (PSNI)**

The Committee considered a paper which advised Members of requests for consideration from PSNI in relation to assisted removals.

It was:-

### **RESOLVED:**

- to ratify the decision taken by Officials to enable PSNI to make a payment of £906.94 to the official PSNI haulier in respect of ADM 62;
- to ratify the decision taken under standing order 21 to approve the payment by PSNI of £4,653.24 of an early redemption charge in respect of ADM 54;
- that the official haulier should be paid the sum of £289.79p in respect of removal fees in respect of ADM 63;
- to approve an extension to the police leased accommodation for up to 3 months from 3 February 2011 in respect of ADM 34;
- to approve an extension to the police leased accommodation for up to 3 months from 28 February 2011 in respect of ADM 42;
- to approve an extension to the police leased accommodation for up to 3 months from 31 January 2011 in respect of ADM 53;
- to approve an extension to the police leased accommodation for up to 3 months from 30 January 2011 in respect of ADM 40.

The Committee also considered a paper, tabled at the meeting, in relation to the payment of a discretionary loan to ADM 28 as part of the PSNI Discretionary Loan Scheme subject to approval by the Department of Justice (DOJ) that the scheme be extended to include officers moving from owner occupied to rented accommodation.

Members expressed concern that ADM 28 in moving to the property which was now the subject to the negative loan had acted against the advice of the PSNI and it was:

**AGREED:**

- that a letter should be sent to the PSNI asking whether any sanction would be brought against the Officer in this case and seeking assurances that the Service had now in place a system which would not allow a Police Officer to move into a property against which there was a likelihood of a threat;
- that the issue of Officers purchasing property outside the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom should be brought back to the Committee when there is further information available.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

To approve a loan to the officer (subject to PSNI being satisfied of the officer's ability to repay the loan). This approval should be granted subject to written agreement being received from the DOJ to amend the existing Assisted Removal Scheme to accommodate officers moving from owner occupied to rented accommodation.

**9. INFORMATION PAPERS**

The Committee noted the following information papers:-

**9.1 News Release Regarding Northern Ireland Grand Committee (Spending Review) Extracts From Speech By Secretary Of Stated**

NOTED.

**10. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

There were no matters to raise with the Chief Constable arising from the meeting.

**11. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

Apart from the issue at item 3.1.1 there were no other communication issues arising from the meeting.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was conducted.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee was arranged for Friday, 21 January 2011 at 10:00am.

(Meeting closed at 1:00pm).

**Secretariat**

**December 2010**

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**Chairperson**