

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2010 AT 2:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

- Mr Gearóid Ó hEára (Chairman)
- (1) Mr Alex Maskey
- Mr Basil McCrea
- Mr Ian McCrea
- (2) Mr Daithí McKay
- Professor Sir Desmond Rea
- Mr Trevor Ringland
- Mr Jimmy Spratt

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- (3) Dr Debbie Donnelly (Deputy Chief Executive)
- (3) Mr Sam Hagen (Director of Corporate Services)
- (4) Mr David Wilson (Director of Planning)
- (4) Mr Peter Gilleece (Director of Policy)
- (5) Mr David Jackson (Director of Community Engagement)
- (4) 3 Board Officials

- (1) Item number 3.1 to close
- (2) Item number 1 to 3.4
- (3) Except Part Item number 3.4
- (4) Except Part Item number 3.4, 3.5 and 4.3
- (5) Item number 6 to close

1. APOLOGIES, ETC

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Barry Gilligan, Mr Brian Rea and Mr Dominic Bradley. NOTED.

Apologies were also received from Ms Mary McKee and Mrs Rosaleen Moore who were representing the Board at an Assembly Committee for Justice meeting. NOTED.

The Chairman asked Members to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER AND 18 NOVEMBER 2010

It was:-

AGREED:

That the draft minutes of the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee meetings held on 4 November and 18 November 2010 be agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2010

3.1 CJINI Report On The Enforcement Of Fines (Item 3.1.1 Of Minutes Refers)

Officials advised that replies were awaited from the Minister and PSNI in response to the enquiries raised by the Committee at the November 2010 meeting and it was anticipated that these would be available at the January 2011 Committee meeting.

The Committee considered a paper relating to the roles and responsibilities of CJINI at item 6. NOTED.

3.2 Board Membership Of The Association Of Police Authorities (Item 3.1.2 Of Minutes Refers)

Officials advised Members that the cost to the Policing Board of membership of the Association of Police Authorities (APA) in the current financial year was £38,000.

The Committee discussed whether the cost represented value for money.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the Board's future membership of APA should be discussed at a later date.

3.3 Working Lunch With District Commanders (Item 3.1.3 Of Minutes Refers)

Officials advised that a written reply was awaited from the Chief Constable with regard to clarification of his comments at the lunch with District Commanders.

3.4 Independent Assessment Report – Procurement Of Change Manager (Item 3.2.1 Of Minutes Refers)

The Chairman reminded Members that suggested Terms of Reference for a Change Manager were considered at the December 2010 Board meeting and the Director of Corporate Services was tasked to ascertain the timeframe in which a tendering exercise to procure a Change Manager could take place.

The Committee considered a memo, dated 8 December 2010, from the Director of Corporate Services to the Acting Chairman and Acting Vice Chairman, containing advice from the Central Procurement Directorate within the Department of Finance and Personnel. NOTED.

A Member highlighted that the current Terms of Reference for the Change Manager did not include specific reference to Value for Money (VFM) and sought confirmation that this would be included. The Chairman and Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that reference to VFM would be included.

Officials left part of the meeting while Members discussed a confidential staffing matter (a confidential note of this item will be made available to Members on request to the Chairman of the Committee).

The Chairman referred to decisions taken at the December 2010 Board meeting regarding the appointment of a Change Manager and advised that during the Committee Members' discussion it had further been:-

AGREED:

- That the Deputy Chief Executive act up to Chief Executive, effective from 7 December 2010;
- That the Board should not appoint an Interim Chief Executive;
- That this staffing matter would be reviewed by the Committee on a regular basis.

3.5 Selection Criteria For PSNI Chief Officer Appointment (Item 4.1 Of Minutes Refers)

The Chairman advised the Committee that he and the Board's Acting Chairman had met with the HMIC who was timetabled to present his report to the Committee today. However, given the other agenda items, the Chairman asked if HMIC would come to a future meeting and present his findings.

3.6 Independent Assessment Report – Meeting With Staff

A Member referred to discussion at the Board meeting on 2 December 2010 and the decision that a meeting between all Board Members and all staff should be arranged to discuss the report of the Independent Assessor and enquired whether a date had been set for the meeting.

Officials advised that it was likely the meeting would be arranged for early January 2011 and that Members would be advised of the date as soon as it was finalised.

3.7 Domestic Burglary Advertising Campaign (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)

A Member referred to the Board's decision to approve the recommendation made by the Committee to provide funding of £20k to part fund the joint advertising campaign with PSNI to raise awareness of opportunistic burglary. The Member suggested that there was merit in each Committee of the Board being provided with a list of anticipated Committee spending prior to the commencement of each financial year. Officials advised that the allocation of the Board's budget was monitored by the Resources and

Improvement Committee. In respect of the expenditure by individual Committees, it was the responsibility of the lead official to provide appropriate information to each Committee in the format required by that Committee.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

4.1 Engagements

There were no matters arising.

4.2 Correspondence

There were no matters arising.

4.3 Chief Police Officers Confidential Item

The Committee considered a confidential item relating to Chief Police Officers. A confidential note of this item is attached at Appendix 'A'.

4.4 Independent Assessment Report Implementation Plan

The Chairman advised Members that 102 items of work had been identified to enable the Independent Assessment Report to be taken forward. An Implementation Plan was being prepared by the Senior Management Team and would be forwarded to Committee Members with their papers for the January 2011 Committee meeting. The document would also be considered by the Leadership Group and the Change Manager. NOTED.

4.5 2011 – 2014 NIPB Corporate Plan / Policing Board Vision

The Committee considered a paper which provided an outline of the process for creating the Policing Board's Vision.

Following discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the wording of the Board's Vision would be "An innovative proactive organisation holding to account, demanding and delivering improvements in policing".

With regard to the NIPB Corporate Plan 2011 – 2014, it was:-

AGREED:

- To accept the proposals set out by officials; and
- To consider a draft Plan at the January 2011 Committee meeting.

4.6 Dealing With The Past

The Chairman reminded Members that at the December 2010 Board meeting, it had been agreed that a Discussion Group should be set up to consider the issue of Dealing with the Past. He advised that to date no nominations had been received from the DUP or Sinn Fein representatives on the Board and requested that these be provided to officials as soon as possible.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

6. CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION NORTHERN IRELAND (CJINI)

The Committee considered a paper which provided information regarding CJINI and in particular, its relationship with HMIC and the Policing Board. NOTED.

It was noted that representatives from CJINI and HMIC had been due to meet with the Committee in December 2010, but due to the pressure of other business the arrangements had been cancelled. The Chairman indicated it was intended to invite HMIC to the January 2011 Committee meeting. NOTED.

7. MINISTER OF JUSTICE'S DRAFT LONG TERM POLICING OBJECTIVES

The Committee considered a paper which provided information on the Minister of Justice's Draft Long Term Policing Objectives. NOTED.

A Member referred to draft Objective 5 and suggested that the Minister might wish to include specific reference to the Board in the objective. Officials undertook to raise this point with DOJ officials.

8. DRAFT PART 2 OF THE 2011 – 2014 POLICING PLAN

The Committee considered a revised Draft Part 2 of the 2011 – 2014 Policing Plan.

Members discussed:-

- The PSNI proposal to remove the target to reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on the roads;
- The removal of the robbery detection target, due to it not being a priority for many of the Board's feedback sources;
- The inclusion of an appropriate target in relation to anti social behaviour;
- The inclusion of a target relating to incivility, particularly incivility by police officers towards young people;
- The inclusion of a target in Part 3 of the Plan, relating to organised crime.

Officials advised that they would feedback to PSNI the issues raised by the Committee.

9. INFORMATION PAPERS

9.1 Management Of Police Information

9.2 Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland Report On An Inspection Of Prisoner Escort And Court Custody Arrangements In Northern Ireland

NOTED.

10. MATTERS TO BE RAISED WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

There were no matters arising.

11. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

There were no matters arising.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Committee meeting was arranged for Thursday, 20 January 2011 at 2:00pm.

(Meeting closed at 4:45pm).

Secretariat

December 2010

Chairman