

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2007 AT 9:30AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **MEMBERS:**

- Professor Sir Desmond Rea (Chairman)
- (1) Rt Hon Jeffrey Donaldson (Vice Chairman)
- (2) Mr Tom Buchanan
- Mr Barry Gilligan
- Mr Alex Maskey
- Mr Basil McCrea
- Ms Mary McKee
- (2) Mr Gearóid ÓhEára
- (3) Mr Brian Rea
- (4) Mr Trevor Ringland
- (5) Mr David Simpson

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

- Mr Trevor Reaney (Chief Executive)
- (6) Dr Debbie Donnelly (Deputy Chief Executive)
- (6) Mr David Wilson (Director of Planning)
- (6) Mr Peter Gilleece (Director of Policy)
- (6) 4 Board Officials
- (7) Board Official

- (1) Item number 5.5 – 16 except part of item number 6
- (2) Part of item number 6
- (3) Item numbers 3.3 – 16
- (4) Item number 1 – 5.5
- (5) Item numbers 5.3 – 16
- (6) Except item number 5.4
- (7) Item number 5.5

#### **1. APOLOGIES, ETC**

Apologies were received on behalf of Mrs Dolores Kelly and Mrs Rosaleen Moore.  
NOTED.

## **2. MINUTES OF A CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2007**

The Committee considered the draft minutes of the previous meeting.

It was:-

### **AGREED:**

That the draft minutes of the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee meeting held on 15 November 2007 should be agreed.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2007**

### **3.1 District Policing Partnerships (Item 1 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised the Committee that work was ongoing with District Policing Partnership (DPP) Managers regarding support for the work of DPPs and the local community following serious incidents in their area. The issue would be taken forward by the Community Engagement Committee. NOTED.

The Vice-Chairman of the Board advised the Committee that Dungannon Council had made nominations to the Dungannon DPP. NOTED

### **3.2 Chief Officer Issues (Item 5.2 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chief Executive updated the Committee about issues relating to a complaint. He also advised that a policy would be prepared regarding the secondment and acting up of ACPO ranks. NOTED.

The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the Chief Police Officers Staff Association (CPOSA) had lodged a claim for an increase in pay for Chief Police

Officers and that the Police Negotiating Board had set up a Sub-Group to consider the claims. NOTED.

### **3.3 Research Support For Political Members (Item 9 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that the Board's request for research support for political Members would be considered after the Board was advised of its Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) 07 settlement. NOTED.

### **3.4 Briefing By The Association Of Police Authorities (Item 12 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chairman advised the Committee that a letter of thanks had been received from Mr Phil Blundell, Warwickshire Police Authority regarding the visit to Northern Ireland by representatives from the APA during November 2007. NOTED.

## **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Engagements**

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

- Police Widows' Coffee Morning – Hollywood – 8 December 2007;
- Meeting with HMIC regarding the ongoing thematic inspections of Serious, Major and Organised Crime and Performance Management in PSNI – 11 December 2007.

### **4.2 Publications**

There were no matters arising.

### **4.3 Correspondence**

There were no matters arising.

### **4.4 News Releases**

There were no matters arising.

## **5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Preparations for the Devolution Of Policing and Justice**

The Chief Executive advised the Committee about preparations for the devolution of policing and justice in Northern Ireland. NOTED.

It was:-

#### **AGREED:**

- that Officials should give an overview to Members at the Training and Briefing Session on 3 January 2008 in relation to the devolved Northern Ireland Assembly;
- a discussion should take place at the next Committee meeting regarding the implications of the devolution of Policing and Justice.

### **5.2 Review Of Data Handling Procedures**

The Chief Executive informed the Committee about a review of Data Handling procedures which was being undertaken by Government as a result of the loss of information in the UK. NOTED.

### **5.3 Police Pay Award 2007 And Main Recommendations From Booth 11 Review Of Police Service Pay Arrangements**

The Chief Executive drew the attention of Members to a paper tabled at the meeting in relation to the announcement regarding the 2007 Police pay award, and a discussion which had taken place at the Board meeting on 6 December 2007. He advised that recommendations contained in part 2 of the Booth Review of Police Pay Arrangements would be considered further at the next Committee meeting. NOTED.

In response to a query from a Member it was:-

#### **AGREED:**

That information should be provided to Members on Police Officer pay scales.

### **5.4 CSRO7 Announcement**

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that as reported earlier in the meeting the CSRO7 announcement was imminent. NOTED.

### **5.5 Staffing Matter**

A confidential note of this matter is attached at Appendix 'A'.

## **6. COMPLETE 1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT OF THE 2008 – 2011 POLICING PLAN**

The Committee considered the complete 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the 2008 – 2011 Policing Plan. Officials highlighted details of the changes which had been made to the Plan since it had been considered by the Committee at its last meeting.

The Committee considered the changes to the plan and it was:-

**AGREED:**

To write to the Chief Constable outlining the Committee's comments on part 2 of the 2008 – 2011 Policing Plan.

It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the Policing Plan would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee. NOTED.

**7. POLICING BOARD MONITORING OF OUTSTANDING PATTEN RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee considered a paper that provided an update on Policing Board plans for monitoring outstanding Patten recommendations. The paper detailed target dates around the completion and monitoring of the 41 of 44 outstanding Independent Commission on Policing (Patten) Report recommendations, noted as incomplete by the Oversight Commissioner in his legacy document of May 2007.

In response to a query from a Member regarding an outstanding Patten recommendation in relation to the transfer of Police Civilian Staff, the Deputy Chief Executive advised that a formal request from the Chief Constable had been considered by the Board at its last meeting regarding making the break from the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS). The Board had agreed to the request and had written to the Secretary of State requesting the break in the link with the NICS. She undertook to provide the Member concerned with a copy of the correspondence.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

- to agree the recommended approaches outlined in the paper for future monitoring of each of the outstanding recommendations in the Patten Report;
- that the Board should publish a progress report in May 2008 to give an update on implementation, to include a sign-off on relevant further recommendations.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That consideration should be given to inviting an Independent Validator to validate the monitoring which the Board is undertaking of the outstanding Patten recommendations.

**8. 20/20 VISION: A VALUE FOR MONEY ESTABLISHMENT REVIEW OF THE PSNI POST 2010/11**

The Committee considered a paper which provided the NIO's position on the status of the '20/20 Vision: A Value for Money Establishment Review of the PSNI Post 2010/11' and a draft response to the NIO. Members suggested an amendment which was noted by Officials for inclusion in the response.

It was :-

**RESOLVED:**

That the draft response should be forwarded to the NIO subject to the amendment which was suggested by the Committee.

**9. CORE PROJECT – DISTRICT COMMAND UNIT STRUCTURE**

The Committee considered a paper that provided Members with advice which had been received from the Crown Solicitors' Office (CSO) regarding the Chief Constable's decision to move to 8 District Command Units. The CSO advice centred on the following 4 issues:

- the Titling of the District and Area commands;
- the Development of a protocol which would aim to clarify relationships between DPPs and District and Area commanders;

- monitoring the efficiency savings;
- an Area Commander having responsibility for more than one District Council area.

The Board had forwarded a copy of the CSO's advice to the Chief Constable and his initial response was tabled at the meeting.

The Committee considered the matter and it was:-

**AGREED:**

- That the Board should write to the Chief Constable:-
  - to advise the Chief Constable of the Committee's views in respect of the re-titling of the new District and Area commands;
  - seeking the Chief Constable's commitment to the development of a protocol that would clarify the relationships and roles and responsibilities between DPPs and Commanders of police areas and districts;
  - re-asserting the Board's commitment to monitor the delivery of the 15% efficiency savings from the implementation of the CORE project and seeking the Chief Constable's assurance that the PSNI had put in place arrangements to assess the efficiency savings;
  - expressing the Board's desire to ensure that generally one Commander does not have the responsibility for more than one District Council area;
  - to seek a meeting with the Chief Constable, Urban and Rural Assistant Chief Constables and the eight District Commanders to review the implementation of the CORE project.

The Chief Executive drew the attention of Members to a letter of concern which had been handed into the Board on the 12 December 2007 by a delegation from Castlereagh DPP regarding the Policing Plan process. Members noted the content of a

news release which had been issued by the DPP on the issue and a response which had been given to the media by the Board. NOTED.

The Committee considered the letter and it was:-

**AGREED:**

- that a response should be forwarded to the DPP regarding their position on the 2008 Local Policing Plan;
- that the Community Engagement Committee should be provided with reports regarding the issue.

**10. NORTHERN IRELAND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE INQUIRY – POLICING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Committee considered a paper which outlined details of a recent decision by the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee (NIAC) to conduct an inquiry into Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.

The Chairman invited Members to advise the Director of Policy of any issues which they might wish to be included in the evidence which the Board would submit to the NIAC Inquiry.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the paper should be deferred to the next meeting in order to receive Members comments since the deadline for responses had been set for 21 January 2008 (i.e. after the next Committee meeting).

**11. CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION NORTHERN IRELAND (CJINI) FOLLOW UP REVIEW REPORTS**

The Committee noted the content of a paper regarding follow-up review reports on the CJINI Inspections of Forensic Science Northern Ireland and Scientific Support Services in the PSNI which had been published in December 2005. NOTED.

**12. INFORMATION PAPERS**

No information papers were considered.

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

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That a Member should draft a question for the Chief Constable at the next Board meeting regarding the PSNI capacity to deliver policing with the community utilising Police Community Support Officers.

**14. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

There were no matters arising.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no matters arising.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was agreed for 17 January 2008 at 2.00pm in Waterside Tower, Belfast.

(Meeting closed 11.55am).

**Secretariat**

**December 2007**

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**Chairman**