

**NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**27 AUGUST 2008 AT 2.00PM**

**WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2008**

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2008.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2008**

- 3.1 **TASER Update** (Item 3.3 of Minutes Refers)
- 3.2 **Human Rights Thematic Report** (Item 3.5 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.3 **Briefing – Policies And Procedures Relating To The Suspension And Repositioning Of Officers** (Item 5 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.4 **Police Appeals Tribunal – Determinations** (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.5 **Compensation Case Relating To The Discharge Of CS Spray At Waterloo Place, Londonderry – 16 October 2004** (Item 8 Of Minutes Refers)
- 3.6 **Custody Visitor Statistics January – March 2008** (Item 9.1 of Minutes Refers)
- 3.7 **Regulation 20 Report into the Discharge of a Firearm on 17 January 2004** (Item 9.4 of Minutes Refers)
- 3.8 **Monitoring of Country of Origin of Catholic Applicants to the PSNI** (Item 9.7 of Minutes Refers)
- 3.9 **PSNI Firearm’s Policy Quarterly Progress Report** (Item 9.8 of Minutes Refers)
- 3.10 **UK Children Commissioner’s Report To The UN Committee On The Rights Of The Child** (Item 12.1 of minutes refers)

**4. CHAIR’S BUSINESS**

**5. BRIEFING - DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE AND HEAD OF PSNI PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT ON PSNI PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

Members are asked to note the discussion papers for their information at Items 8 and 9.

**6. BRIEFING – HUMAN RIGHTS ANNUAL REPORT 2008 AND AN UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE McCORD REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD’S HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISOR**

**7. PROPOSED RESEARCH – EVALUATION OF PSNI – RECOMMENDATION OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON POLICING IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Committee is asked to approve the proposals outlined in the paper.

**8. UPDATE ON PSNI PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

The attached paper refers to item 5.

**9. PROPOSALS ON IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

The Committee is asked to consider and agree the proposals outlined in the attached paper.

**10. INFORMATION PAPERS**

- 10.1 The relationship between the Public Prosecution Service and PSNI**  
(Paper attached to inform Committee discussion at item 5 with the Deputy Chief Constable on Professional Standards matters)
- 10.2 Summary of the Government's Green Paper on policing**
- 10.3 Regulation 20 Report – Discharge Of CS Incapacitant Spray at Dungiven Road, Londonderry on 12 September 2004**
- 10.4 Regulation 20 Report – Investigation into an allegation that a police officer used excessive force on a prisoner on 8 July 2007 at Coleraine PSNI Station**
- 10.5 Regulation 20 Report – Investigation into the inappropriate use of force by a police officer on 21 September 2006 at a vehicle checkpoint on Warrenpoint Road, Newry**
- 10.6 PSNI report on implementation of Armed Response Units -**  
Correspondence from PSNI attached for Members information
- 10.7 Custody Visitor Statistics**
- 10.8 Complaints against the police**
- 10.9 PACE/TACT statistics**
- 10.10 Statistics on the use of CS Spray**
- 10.11 Regulation 20 Review Panel Meeting – 31 July 2008**

**11. PUBLICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS**

- 11.1 Press articles on TASER shooting in Canada**
- 11.2 Press article on criminality within PSNI**
- 11.3 Correspondence on TASER from the Chief Constable**
- 11.4 Press Release – Publication of the Police Ombudsman's Annual Report 2007/08**
- 11.5 Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland Annual Report 2007/08**
- 11.6 Copy correspondence to Police Ombudsman from PSNI on implementation of Regulation 20 recommendations**
- 11.7 Police Ombudsman Consultation**

## **12. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

The Committee is asked to consider whether there are any questions arising out of this meeting which it wishes to raise with the Chief Constable at the next Board meeting.

## **13. COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES**

The Committee is asked to consider if there are any items arising from the meeting that should be included in a news release.

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members are asked to consider whether there are any other issues they wish to raise.

## **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee is asked to agree the date of the next meeting for 10 September 2008 at 10am in Waterside Tower.

**Secretariat  
August 2008**