

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2004 AT 10:30 AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

- (1) Mr Sammy Wilson (Chairman)
Mr Barry Gilligan (Vice-Chairman)
Mr Fred Cobain
Mrs Rosaleen Moore

PSNI REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

- (2) Mr Paul Leighton, Deputy Chief
Constable
- (3) Mr Roy Toner, ACC Corporate
Management
- (2) Director of Information Management

INDEPENDENT VALIDATOR – IS STRATEGY:

- (2) Dr Colin Jackson, Organisation and
Technical Research

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Mr Trevor Reaney (Chief Executive)
Corporate Services Director
Three Board Officials.

- (1) Part item 3 to close
- (2) Item number 3 only
- (3) Part of Item number 3 only

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice- Chairman took the Chair until the Chairman joined the meeting

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr Attwood and Viscount Brookeborough.

2. PRESENTATIONS FOR 2004

The schedule of presentations for 2004 was noted.

It was agreed that the Committee would report back to the Board on the presentation scheduled for February in relation to compensation claims and if considered necessary, a follow-up presentation would be arranged.

3. PSNI INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY*

The Chairman welcomed Dr Jackson, the Deputy Chief Constable and other PSNI personnel to the meeting.

The Committee expressed concern and disappointment that a written report had not been received from the Independent Validator, in advance of the meeting. The Independent Validator agreed to forward a written report covering the verbal report he would deliver to the Committee today.

Dr Jackson verbally updated the meeting on the findings contained in his report.

The meeting noted his comments and discussed a number of concerns regarding:

- Information and Communications System Strategy (ICS)
- Patten IS Strategy
- Systems Integration and Technical Architecture
- Management
- Funding

Following discussion it was agreed that:-

- (1) Dr Jackson would provide his written report to the Committee and PSNI in respect of ICS Strategy before the February Committee meeting.
- (2) PSNI would provide written response to Dr Jackson's report before the February Committee meeting.
- (3) PSNI would provide a Human Resources plan for the restructuring of ICIS to the February Committee meeting.
- (4) A scoping exercise would be carried out in respect of one of the available applications discussed.
- (5) Further research into available funding would be carried out. If necessary, the Committee would liaise with NIO regarding this issue.
- (6) The Oversight Commissioner would be advised of the position in relation to IS Strategy.

* Please note that this item was further discussed at the April 2004 meeting of the Committee.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Friday, 20 February 2004 ** at 9:30 am.

** Subsequently changed to 26 February 2004.

(Meeting closed 12:30 pm).

Secretariat
January 2004

CHAIRMAN