

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2004 AT 3:00 PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **MEMBERS:**

- Mr Eddie McGrady (Chairman)
- Mr William Hay (Vice-Chairman)
- (1) Mr Sam Foster
- Mrs Pauline McCabe
- Mr Alan McFarland
- (1) Mrs Rosaleen Moore
- Professor Desmond Rea  
(Chairman of the Board)
- Mr Alex Attwood
- Mr Joe Byrne
- (2) Mr Fred Cobain

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mr Keir Starmer, Human Rights Advisor
- Ms Jane Gordon, Human Rights Advisor

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

- Mr Trevor Reaney, Chief Executive
- Director of Policy
- Director of Communications
- Four Board Officials

- (1) **Item number 1, part item 2**
- (2) **Part item 1 to close**

## **1. APOLOGIES, ETC**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr Barry Gilligan, Viscount Brookeborough, Mr Tom Kelly and Mr Denis Bradley, Vice Chairman of the Board.

## **2. PRESENTATION – HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORS**

The Chairman of the Committee welcomed Members of the Human Rights and Professional Standards Committee and all other Board Members, who had responded to the open invitation to attend the presentation, to the meeting.

The Chairman also welcomed the Board's Human Rights Advisors, Keir Starmer, QC and Jane Gordon to the meeting.

The Chairman reminded Members that the purpose of today's special meeting was to finally consider the amended Ardoyne Report as prepared by the Human Rights Advisors, in light of feedback from Members at the previous meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2004 and comments made by a number of interested parties, as to the content of the draft Report.

The Chairman invited the Human Rights Advisors to take Members through the changes, which had been made to the document since 10 September. It was noted that the conclusions of the Report still remained the same. The Human Rights Advisors identified each of the amendments that had been made to the draft Report and elaborated on the more significant changes including the rationale for the amendments.

This presentation was followed by a question and answer session during which Members commented on the document and sought clarification on a number of specific aspects of the Report.

The Chairman thanked the presenters for their contribution to the meeting.

The Committee agreed to receive the Report and endorse its recommendations.

The Committee noted that the Report would be presented to the Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2004, when the Chief Constable would have the opportunity to comment on it, in the public session.

The Committee noted that arrangements were being made to publish the Report immediately following the Board meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting came to a close.

(Meeting closed 4:55pm).

**SECRETARIAT**  
**November 2004**

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**CHAIRMAN**