

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER AT 1:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS

Mr Stuart MacDonnell (Vice Chairperson)
Mrs Anne Connolly
Mr Michael Wardlow

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:

- (1)** Mr David Best, Director of Finance and Support Services
- (1)** Mr Mark McNaughton, Head of Finance
- (1)** Mr Michael Burton, Head of Financial Reporting and Accounting Services

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Edgar Jardine (Interim Chief Executive)
Mr David Wilson, Director of Support Services
3 Board Officials

- (1) Item number 6 only**

1. APOLOGIES, ETC

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Jonathan Craig (Chairperson) and Mr Brian Rowntree. NOTED.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairperson, Mr Stuart MacDonnell.

No conflicts of interest arising from the agenda were declared by Members.

2. MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2011

The Committee noted the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19 August 2011.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the draft minutes of the Resources and Improvement Committee meeting held on 19 August 2011 be agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2011

3.1 First Day Brief and Draft Programme Of Work 2011/12 (Item 5 Of Minutes Refers)

NOTED.

3.2 PSNI Report on Expenditure to July 2011 (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)

- **PSNI Business Cases**

The Committee considered a paper which sought Members views on the information required to monitor the programme and processing of PSNI business cases. The Committee discussed and agreed the format of the return, and it was:-

AGREED:

- That the Department of Justice (DOJ) return on PSNI business cases would be brought to the Committee on a quarterly basis;
- A paper would be brought to a future meeting on how the Board could add value to the PSNI business case approval process.

- **Hearing Loss Claims**

It was:-

AGREED:

That the PSNI Legal Adviser would present to the Resources & Improvement Committee in December 2011, on the PSNI strategy for dealing with compensation claims focussing in particular on hearing loss claims.

3.3 KPMG Evaluation of PSNI Efficiency Plan (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)

Members were advised that they had been issued with an electronic version of the report.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the PSNI would present to the October 2011 Committee meeting, the 4 Year Efficiency Plan.

3.4 NIPB Year End Financial Statement (Item 10 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised, that the information in the Belfast Telegraph article had been provided by the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) under the Freedom of Information Act and had not emanated from the Board.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the letter from the NIAO would be discussed at the September 2011 Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting.

3.5 Accommodation – Waterside Tower (Item 12 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee discussed accommodation at Waterside Tower. Members requested that officials look at options regarding relocation.

It was:-

AGREED:

That officials would bring a paper on options and broad costings to a future meeting regarding the NIPB accommodation.

3.6 Information Papers (Item 13.2 Of Minutes Refers)

NOTED.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

4.1 Meeting With PSNI Director Of Finance And Support Services – 24 August 2011

The Vice Chairperson briefed Members on the meeting that he and the Chairperson had with the PSNI Director of Finance and Support Services.

It was:-

AGREED:

That a copy of the presentation made by the Director of Finance and Support Services would be circulated to all Members.

**5. RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAMME OF WORK
2011 – 2012**

The Committee noted the Committee's updated Programme of Work for 2011/2012.
NOTED.

6. PSNI FINANCE

6.1 Report On Expenditure To August 2011

The Chairperson welcomed the PSNI Director of Finance and Support Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Financial Reporting and Accounting Services to the meeting.

The Committee noted the details of various PSNI financial issues and sought clarification on some issues, and in particular incidental expenses.

It was:-

AGREED:

That PSNI would provide the Committee with details regarding the incidental expenses.

	Actual £k	Budget £k	Variance £k
Staff Costs	225,120	227,792	2,672
Non Staff Costs	59,137	63,021	3,884
Historical Enquiries Team	2,305	2,708	403
Receipts	(2,431)	(3,099)	(668)
Profit/loss on disposal	(567)	0	567
Cash Payment of Provisions	45,003	29,749	(15,254)
Depreciation & Impairment	11,802	12,887	1,085
Pension Curtailments	2,721	0	(2,721)
Total Resource DEL	343,090	333,058	(10,032)

NOTED.

6.2 Submission For The October 2011 In-Year Monitoring Round

The Committee considered the details in relation to the PSNI submission for the October 2011 Monitoring Round. NOTED.

6.3 Year End Financial Statements

PSNI officials briefed Members on the 2010 – 2011 Year End Financial Statements. NOTED.

7. NIPB REPORT ON EXPENDITURE TO AUGUST 2011

The Committee considered a paper which provided an update in relation to the Board's Management Accounts. Members discussed DPP budget and how to ensure value for money.

Following discussion:-

It was:-

AGREED:

Officials would write to the Lead Official of the Community Engagement Committee to seek assurance that the Committee is monitoring DPPs, Value for Money, DPP effectiveness and learning lessons from the DPPs to take into PCSPs.

8. ASSISTED REMOVALS

The Committee considered a paper which advised Members of a number of requests from PSNI in relation to assisted removals.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

- To ratify the decision taken by a Board official to approve an extension to the police leased accommodation for 3 months from 29 September 2011 for ADM 67;
- To ratify the decision taken by a Board official to approve an extension to the police leased accommodation for 3 months from 10 October 2011 for ADM 69;
- To refuse the PSNI request to pay legal fees for the purchase of the site for ADM 68.

9. COMPENSATION INFORMATION APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2011

The Committee considered the Compensation Schedule for April – June 2011.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the settlements agreed by the Chief Constable in the cases listed.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the present format of the information report would continue.

10. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND AT LISBURN AND CRAIGAVON

The Committee considered a paper which sought Members approval to dispose of surplus land at Prince William Road, Lisburn and at the rear of Craigavon PSNI station.

Following discussion, it was:-

RECOMMENDED:

That the Board approve the disposal of land at Prince William Road, Lisburn and at Craigavon PSNI station.

11. INFORMATION PAPERS

There were no matters arising.

12. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

There were no matters arising.

13. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

There were no matters arising.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Friday, 21 October 2011 at 1:00pm in Waterside Tower.

(Meeting closed 3:30pm)

Secretariat
September 2011

Chairperson