

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 JUNE 2010 AT 10:00AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

Professor Sir Desmond Rea (Acting Chairperson)
Mr Tom Buchanan
Mr Leslie Cree
Mrs Rosaleen Moore
Mr Gearóid Ó hEára
Mr Trevor Ringland
Mr Peter Weir

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Mr David Best, Director of Finance & Support Services
- (1) Mr Mark McNaughton, Head of Strategic Financial Services
- (2) Mr John Tully, Head of Information & Communication Systems

NATIONAL POLICING IMPROVEMENT AGENCY IN ATTENDANCE:

- (2) Mr Nick Deyes
- (2) Ms Natasha Grayson

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr David Wilson, Director of Planning
4 Board Officials

- (1) Item number 6
- (2) Item number 5

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Dominic Bradley. NOTED.

In the absence of Mr Dominic Bradley, Chairperson, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairperson, Professor Sir Desmond Rea.

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

2. MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2010

The Committee considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 May 2010.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the minutes of the Resources and Improvement Committee held on 21 May 2010 be agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

3.1 PSNI Estate Strategy (Item 3.2 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that a question was asked of the Chief Constable at the June 2010 Board meeting.

3 2 Assisted Removals (Item 12 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that the Committee's decision regarding Assisted Removals had been taken forward with PSNI.

3.3 Normal And Assisted Removals (PSNI) Schemes (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that the revisions and delegated limits proposed by the PSNI and the Normal Assisted Removal Scheme had been approved. NOTED.

3.4 General And Occasional Authorisations To Sell, Supply, Keep and Consume Intoxicating Liquor At Police Establishments (Item 14 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that the approval granted by delegated authority had been ratified by the Committee. NOTED.

3.5 PSNI Continuous Improvement Strategy 2010 – 2011 (Item 16 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that copies of a recent presentation on Mobile Data had been sent to Committee Members. NOTED.

3.6 PSNI IS Strategy Monitoring Information (Item 18 Of Minutes Refers)

At its previous meeting, ACC Kerr had been invited to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss Call Management. Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That the subject of Call Management should be referred to the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee and that ACC Kerr be invited to attend.

3.7 Financial Governance Arrangements For Policing In A Devolved Administration (Item 22.1 Of Minutes Refers)

At its previous meeting, the Committee requested that the PSNI Director of Finance and Support Services report back to the Chief Constable with an overall strategy on how to deal with the dissident threat. Members were advised that PSNI would be discussing this issue at a meeting later that day.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

5. NATIONAL POLICING IMPROVEMENT AGENCY (NPIA) – SECOND INDEPENDENT VALIDATION REPORT ON PSNI IS STRATEGY “PSNI CONNECT”

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Tully, Head of Information and Communication Systems PSNI, Mr Nick Deyes and Ms Natasha Grayson from NPIA to the meeting.

The Committee was asked to note the NPIA’s Second Independent Validation Report on PSNI IS Strategy – PSNI Connect and the overall ‘Green’ status of the report.

The NPIA officials briefed the Committee on the recommendations in the report and, in particular, the ‘Amber’ recommendations.

Members raised the subject of the data sharing and if there was any liaison with the Republic of Ireland.

They also discussed the availability of the Mobile Data Hand Sets to PSNI.
NOTED.

6. PSNI REPORT ON EXPENDITURE TO MAY 2010

The Director of Finance and Support Services briefed the Committee on the Expenditure Reports to May 2010.

	Actual £k	Budget £k	Variance £k
Staff Costs	88,843	87,506	(1337)
Non Staff Costs	21,578	25,771	4,193
Historical Enquiries Team	740	986	246
Receipts	(1385)	(595)	790
Cash Payment of Provisions	23,405	19,791	(3614)
Depreciation & Impairment	5,237	6,558	1,320
DEL Pensions	2,625	3,311	686

Hearing Loss & Equal Pay Provision	2,821	0	(2821)
Total Resource	180,867	181,500	633

	Actual £m	Budget £m	Variance £m
Capital Programme	2.4	4.8	2.4

7. NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD ACCOUNTS TO MAY 2010

The Committee noted the details contained in the Board's management accounts to May 2010. NOTED.

8. ASSISTED REMOVALS (PSNI)

The Committee considered a paper which sought a determination request from PSNI in respect of assisted removals.

A Board official advised the Committee that following the May meeting it had been agreed by PSNI that a joint PSNI/NIPB letter should be sent to the Department of Justice. The Committee noted that this correspondence was still awaited by the PSNI.

Following the decision of the Committee held on 21 May 2010 permission to implement the revised scheme was sought from the Department of Justice. A Board official advised that no formal authorisation had been forthcoming.

It was:-

AGREED:

- to grant an extension to police leased accommodation for a 3 month period from 2 August 2010 for ADM34;

- to grant an extension to police leased accommodation for a 3 month period from 27 August 2010 for ADM42;
- to grant an extension to police leased accommodation for a 3 month period from 29 July 2010 for ADM53;
- to grant an extension to police leased accommodation for a 3 month period from 3 September 2010 for ADM54;
- the early redemption fees were not to be considered until the Officer had moved into a new permanent residence, ADM54.

9. COMPENSATION INFORMATION – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2010

The Committee considered the Compensation Schedule for February and March 2010.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the information provided in the Compensation Schedule for February and March 2010.

Following discussion on specific cases, it was:-

AGREED:

- That officials would draft a question for the Chief Constable regarding the implications of an officer being 'required to resign' as opposed to 'resignation';
- That Professor Sir Desmond Rea should join Mrs Rosaleen Moore and Mr Trevor Ringland as designated Board members to look at and consider high value cases.

10. GENERAL AND OCCASIONAL AUTHORISATIONS TO SELL, SUPPLY, KEEP AND CONSUME INTOXICATING LIQUOR AT POLICE ESTABLISHMENTS

The Committee considered a paper which advised Members to note the content of the report and the training provided by PSNI with involvement from Board officials on the PSNI Service Procedure which would be delivered in October 2010. Members were also advised on the possible risks of the hosting of the 2013 World Police and Fire Games in relation to Occasional Authorisations

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To instruct Board officials to investigate the likelihood in requirement of the PSNI in respect of Occasional Authorisations which may arise as a result of the hosting of the 2013 World Police and Fire Games in Northern Ireland.

11. PSNI GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS – PROGRAMME BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Committee was asked for their views in relation to Board representation on PSNI Programme Boards.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the Resources and Improvement Committee would examine these on a case by case basis.

12. INFORMATION PAPERS

There were no matters arising.

13. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That a question should be composed to ask the Chief Constable at the next Board meeting regarding:-

- The implications of an officer being 'Required to Resign' as opposed to 'Dismissal'.

14. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

There were no matters arising.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Assisted Removals (PSNI) – ADM57

The Committee considered a paper which advised of a request for consideration from PSNI in relation to the reimbursement of stamp duty payment, and early redemption charge and redemption administration charge.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the stamp duty, early redemption fee and redemption administration charge would be reimbursed.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee was arranged for Friday, 20 August 2010 at 10.00am.

(Meeting closed at 11:30am).

Secretariat

June 2010

Chairperson