

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022 AT 9.30AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER,
CLARENDON DOCK AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE FACILITY**

PRESENT:

Mr Michael Atkinson
Mr Gerry Kelly MLA
Ms Nuala McAllister MLA
Mr Mark H Durkan MLA
Mr Maurice Bradley MLA*
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA*
Dr Janet Gray*
Mr Edgar Jardine*
Mr Peter Osborne*
Mr Mike Nesbitt MLA*
Mr Les Allamby*
Mrs Linda Dillon MLA*
Mr Frank McManus*
Ms Carmel McKinney*
Dr Kate Laverty*
Ms Deirdre Toner*
(1) Mr John Blair MLA*

**NORTHERN IRELAND
POLICING BOARD
OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs Sinead Simpson, Chief Executive
Mr Adrian McNamee, Director of Performance
Ms Aislinn McGuckin, Director of Police
Administration*

**OTHER OFFICIALS IN (2)
ATTENDANCE:**

Four Board Officials
Mr John Wadham, Human Rights Advisor

*Attended meeting by video conference facility

- (1) On video conference from 9.45am
- (2) In person from item 9.50am

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ms Liz Kimmins MLA and Ms Joanne Bunting
MLA.

On behalf of the Board the Chief Executive congratulated the new Independent Members Dr Kate Laverty, Mr Peter Osborne and Mr Les Allamby on their appointment and welcomed them to their first Board meeting.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared and when asked if there was “Any Other Business” no further items were declared.

The agenda for the meeting was agreed.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Chief Executive assumed the role of Chair for the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Members were advised that the current Chair and Vice-Chair’s term of office ended on 30 November 2022 in accordance with their terms of appointment.

The Chief Executive explained that the election of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair is governed by paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Police (NI) Act 2000. Members were advised that guidance for the election of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair is set out in paragraph 4 of the Board’s Standing Orders and the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected on each occasion to serve for a period of two years. The positions of Policing Board Chair and Vice Chair is made by the Board from among its members. In compliance with these Standing Orders, it was confirmed that there was a quorum of at least 12 voting Members present to allow the election to proceed.

Nominations were asked for Board Chair and Ms Deirdre Toner was nominated by Mr Trevor Clarke MLA and seconded by Mr Frank McManus. No further nominations were received, and it was **AGREED** unanimously by those present to elect Ms Deirdre Toner.

Ms Toner confirmed she was content to accept the nomination.

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- That Ms Deidre Toner is elected as Chair of the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Nominations were then asked for Vice-Chair and Mr Edgar Jardine was nominated by Mr Gerry Kelly MLA and seconded by Mr Michael Atkinson. No further nominations were received, and it was **AGREED** unanimously by those present to elect Mr Edgar Jardine. Mr Jardine confirmed he was content to accept the nomination.

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- That Mr Edgar Jardine is elected as Vice-Chair of the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

The Chief Executive advised that before the meeting proceeds to the next agenda item the meeting will be adjourned for 10 minutes to allow Board officials to upload the proposed new Committee membership paper to Decision Time, and to allow Members to consider the proposals included. The Chief Executive confirmed this will be available at Annex B of the paper at agenda item 4.

The meeting adjourned at 9.42am.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Chief Executive handed back to the newly elected Chair to continue the meeting. The Chair thanked all Members for the nomination and advised she looks forward to working with everyone over the coming months and years.

The Chief Executive presented the paper which, as well as Committee Membership, also outlined Induction Plans, Scheduling of Board and Committee

Meetings and also requested Members' agreement on amendments to Standing Orders.

The Chief Executive advised that Annex B of this paper set out the proposed new Committee Membership of each of the Board's standing Committees, which is designed to integrate the new Members as well as ensuring balance and representation of gender, community background and skillset. The Chief Executive advised that the proposed amendments have been highlighted in the document so that Members can clearly see the movement of Members between each of the Committees. Members were asked to agree the proposed Committee Membership and appoint Members to the Committees, as set out in the paper at Annex B, and in line with s. 24 of Schedule 1 of the Police (NI) Act 2000.

The Chief Executive advised that Section 2 of the paper outlined the requirement for each new Board to renew Standing Orders. On this occasion one amendment was suggested, which was to enable the Vice-Chair of the Board to Chair the Discipline Committee. The Chief Executive explained the Chair and the Vice-Chair can attend any Committee in an ex-officio capacity (except Audit) but cannot be Chair/or Vice-Chair of any Committee except the Special Purposes Committee. Members were asked to agree additionally the amendment to provide for the Board Vice-Chair to be able to chair the Discipline Committee in a similar fashion.

The Chief Executive explained the principles of the scheduling of the monthly Board and Committee meetings on consecutive Thursdays throughout the month and highlighted the attached schedule of meetings attached at Annex C of the paper which covers the period from now until May 2023. The Chief Executive also outlined plans for an Induction Programme for new Board Members which in addition to the briefing session held in Waterside Tower on 18 November 2022 will include a two-day induction/development session on strategic Policing Board issues and an in depth briefing on key policing issues from the PSNI, as well as an overview of the remit of each of the Assistant Chief

Constables and Assistant Chief Officers. The Chief Executive noted this is currently being planned for February 2023, and those Members who will join the Board in April 2023 will also be invited to attend. The Chief Executive added it is intended to have an “away” session of this nature every 6 months.

Following discussion on all of the above matters it was **AGREED**:

- To appoint Members to each of the Board’s Committees as outlined in Annex B of the paper
- To update the Board’s Standing Orders with the proposed amendment as outlined in Section 2 of this paper and explained by the Chief Executive
- The Committee scheduling principles

Members also **NOTED**:

- the induction plans, as well as the joint PSNI development sessions throughout 2023
- the schedule of Board and Committee meetings from now until May 2023.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was conducted.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8 December 2022 at 9.30am in Waterside Tower.

The meeting closed at 9.55am

Corporate Services

Date: December 2022

