

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023 AT 9AM IN NIPB HQ, JAMES HOUSE BELFAST.

PRESENT:

Ms Deirdre Toner (Chair)
Mr Edgar Jardine (Vice-Chair)
Dr Janet Gray
Mr Mukesh Sharma
Ms Joanne Bunting MLA
Mr Maurice Bradley MLA
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA

- (1) Dr Kate Laverty
- (2) Mr Les Allamby
Mr Brendan Mullan
- (4) Mr Gerry Kelly MLA
- (2) Mrs Linda Dillon MLA
- (5) Mr John Blair MLA
- (2) Ms Nuala McAllister MLA
- (4) Mr Peter Osborne
- (5) Mr Frank McManus
- (3) Mr Mike Nesbitt MLA

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:

- (6) Mr Simon Byrne, Chief Constable
- (6) Mr Mark Hamilton, Deputy Chief Constable,
- (6) Ms Pamela McCreedy, Chief Operating Officer
- (7) Mr Bobby Singleton, Assistant Chief Constable
- (6) Mr Mark McEwan, Assistant Chief Constable
- (7) Mr Chris Todd, Assistant Chief Constable
- (6) Mr Mark McNaughten, Assistant Chief Officer
Corporate Services
- (7) Mrs Clare Duffield, Assistant Chief Officer,
People & Organisational Development
- (6) Detective Chief Superintendent Jon Henry
- (7) Ms Leanne Barnett, Strategic Communications
& Engagement
- (6) Chief Superintendent Ryan Henderson,
Executive Support Team

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

Mrs Sinead Simpson, Chief Executive
Mr Adrian McNamee, Director of Performance
Ms Jenny Passmore, Director of Partnership
Mr Sam Hagen, Director of Resources

Three Board Officials

**OTHER OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

Mr John Wadham, Human Rights Advisor

- (1) In at 9.10am
- (2) In at 9.15am
- (3) In at 9.30 am. Left after the public session
- (4) Left after the public session
- (5) Left at 2.30pm
- (6) Items 5.3 and 10 only
- (7) Item 10 only

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ms Liz Kimmins MLA and Mr Mark Durkan MLA.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON:

3.1 Thursday 4 May 2023

It was **RESOLVED**:-

- That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 4 May 2023 be approved.

4. BOARD ACTION LOG

Updates as detailed within the Action Log from the Board meetings held on 6 April 2023 and 4 May 2023 were noted in addition to the following verbal update provided by the Chief Executive:

In relation to Action Point 10 from the meeting on 4 May 2023, the Chief Executive advised the Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) has provided an update on progress on Op Yurta in recent days, and this is included in the addendum to the Chief Executive's report at agenda item 6.

Members **NOTED** the action log.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

5.1 Chair's Report

The Board noted a Report from the Chair which advised Members of:

- The Chair's engagements carried out during the period 5 May 2023 to 25 May 2023.
- A full list of correspondence issued and received by the Chair since the Board meeting on 4 May 2023.

The Chair also highlighted the following engagements:

- Attendance at the Police Federation Annual Conference on 24 May 2023 which she was asked to speak at and noted that a copy of her speech was shared with Members earlier this week.

In relation to correspondence, the Chair highlighted the following items:

- Correspondence issued on behalf of the Board to the Newsletter in response to a piece which the paper published from Norman Hamilton and;
- Correspondence issued to the Chief Constable regarding the BBC Spotlight programme which will be covered in further detail under agenda item 5.3.

5.2 Assistant Chief Constable Recruitment Competition

The Director of Resources presented a paper which informed Members that the Board has received formal notification that an Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) will be retiring at the end of July 2023. This will create a vacancy in the PSNI Senior Leadership Team and as such it is proposed that a recruitment competition, timed to support appointment of a candidate by the 31 July 2023, should be launched next week.

The Director of Resources advised it is the Board's responsibility to appoint a Panel, which will act on behalf of the Board throughout the appointment process and in accordance with the Guidance for the Appointment of Chief Officers and Senior Police Staff Equivalents, and outlined the proposed timeline for the recruitment and selection process.

During discussion Members agreed the need for further discussion with the Chief Constable around:

- the roles and responsibilities of the ACC given changes including Legacy Bill,
- affordability and necessity, given the severe budget situation;
- temporary options open to the Chief Constable.

During a subsequent discussion with the Chief Constable and the Chief Operating Officer (COO) Members noted:

- The significant portfolios of each of the ACCs, with no capacity to reduce from four to three ACCs;
- The need for 4 ACCs in order to maintain resilience for Gold Command cover, including at weekends, and allow others, on a rota basis to have some “down time”. It would not be possible to manage this rota with 3 ACCs and given the legislative framework ACOs cannot, albeit willing to, step into the roles;
- The significant amount of time spent by ACCs on disciplinary and misconduct proceedings,
- The potential for a reshaping of the ACCs portfolios and the need to factor in responsibilities that will drive the transformation and reform agenda;
- The limitations of a temporary position including risk aversion and more limited organisational impact.

The Chief Constable and COO left the meeting and Members discussed the Chief Constable’s explanation/rationale, the duty of care that the Board hold as the employer of the PSNI Senior Team, and the potential negligence in not proceeding at pace with an ACC competition. Some Members however, noted they did not support this view and it was decided to put the decision to a recorded vote.

Members indicated their vote by a show of hands and, by a majority of 8 to 4, approved the decision to proceed with an ACC recruitment competition.

Details of the recorded vote are noted below:

For	Against
Deirdre Toner	Trevor Clarke
Edgar Jardine	Joanne Bunting
Janet Gray	Maurice Bradley
Nuala McAllister	Mukesh Sharma
Linda Dillon	
Kate Laverty	
Brendan Mullan	
Les Allamby	

It was therefore **AGREED**:

- To proceed with the ACC recruitment competition as per the timescales outlined in the paper; and
- The make up of Panel Members as outlined in the paper. A note to be sent to all Members regarding their availability over June and July to take part in the selection and recruitment process before confirming the individuals to sit on the panel. **(AP1)**

5.3 Briefing on BBC Spotlight programme

Members received a confidential briefing from the PSNI Senior Team regarding the recent broadcast of the BBC Spotlight programme entitled “Covert Cops: When Spying Goes Wrong”. A confidential annex detailing this briefing can be made available to Members for review but will not be published at this time.

Actions from this section will be recorded on action log as AP2

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

The Board **NOTED** a report from the Chief Executive which provided an update on various items of business. The Chief Executive advised she had no items of business or correspondence to highlight on this occasion.

Members raised the following items with the Chief Executive:

- If Joint Committee Funding has been finalised yet – the Director of Partnership advised liaison with DoJ is still ongoing to agree a position before consulting with the local councils;
- The current position on the work of the Police Pension & Injury Benefits Directorate, (including the McCloud III Health Retirement Reassessment Project) – the Chief Executive provided an update on the volume of McCloud cases to be considered before the statutory deadline of 1 October 2023 and advised that all available resources in the directorate have been directed to undertake this work for the foreseeable future. The Chief Executive noted that this is also an issue that other UK Police Services are dealing with, however the scale of the challenge in other forces is not as great as what the Board is experiencing. The Chief Executive added an additional complexity of this work is the fact that the Board only has access to a limited pool of medical professionals to carry out these reassessments. The Chief Executive advised that progress will be reviewed after a few weeks and just as soon as possible normal case work will resume.

Members **NOTED** the report.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Performance Committee – 11 May 2023

The Board noted the Performance Committee Chair's Report and draft minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2023. The Chair also provided a verbal update on matters considered at the meeting which included an update on Policing Plan Measure 1.2.2 - Organised Crime Groups and NCA/SOC 6 monthly report, the draft Annual Performance Assessment and the Human Rights Advisor's update reports for April and May 2023.

Members also considered a Draft Report on Human Rights Review of PSNI's strip searching of children and young people in custody and the Draft Report on Human Rights Review of PSNI Privacy and Policing.

The Committee also agreed to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the draft Annual Performance Committee report for 2022/23.

Members **NOTED** the report.

Following his report the Performance Committee Chair handed back to the Board Chair to put the Committee's recommendation to the Board.

It was subsequently **AGREED** by Members to:

- **APPROVE** the Committee's Annual report.

7.2 Partnership Committee – 25 May 2023

Following a suggestion by the Partnership Committee Chair it was subsequently agreed by all Members that going forward Committee Chairs would not read out the detail of their report; the full report is available on Decisontime for Members to view and in the interests of time Committee Chairs would highlight key issues only in this section.

The Board noted the Partnership Committee Chair's Report of the meeting held on 25 May 2023. The Chair noted that a key issue discussed at the meeting was the potential funding options for the PCSP Independent Member recruitment process. Mrs Linda Dillon MLA noted her concerns at one option which proposed that the Joint Committee funding to the PCSPs would be reduced in order to fund part of the recruitment costs. Mrs Dillon highlighted the negative impact this would have on local communities and requested that the minutes of the Committee meeting name her as not supporting this proposal. Mr Gerry Kelly MLA advised that he also supported this view.

The Partnership Committee Chair advised the Committee also considered three requests which required the Committee to make a recommendation to the Board. These were:

- To recommend to the Board to issue the Draft Engagement strategy for public consultation;
- To recommend to the Board that the infographic relating to the 2018 Local Policing Review is published on the Board's website; and
- To recommend to the Board to approve the draft Annual Partnership Committee report for 2022/23.

Following his update the Partnership Committee Chair handed back to the Board Chair to put the Committee's recommendations to the Board.

It was subsequently **AGREED** by Members to:

- **APPROVE** the Committee's recommendation to proceed to public Consultation on the Draft Engagement Strategy;
- **APPROVE** the Committee's recommendation to publish the Infographic on the Board's website; and
- **APPROVE** the Committee's Annual report.

7.3 Resources Committee – 25 May 2023

The Board noted the Resources Committee Chair's Report from the meeting on 25 May 2023.

The Chair noted that a key issue discussed at the meeting was in respect of Above Delegated Authority requests for legal fees, in particular the scale of costs involved, the timescales involved in the cases and the point at which the Resources Committee receive the information, the need to explore all available options prior to engaging in the legal process and the pool of legal

representatives that are available for use by the PSNI. The Resources Committee Chair advised that following discussion the Committee had decided to refuse one of the requests, and approve the other, but agreed to write to the PSNI highlighting Member's issues.

The Resources Committee Chair advised the Committee considered four requests which required the Committee to make a recommendation to the Board. These were:

- Proposed settlement of an Above Delegated Authority case for payment for legal fees up to the sum of £206,698 in respect of a misconduct case;
- To recommend to the Board to approve the draft Annual Resources Committee report for 2022/23;
- To recommend to the Board to approve the Resources Committee Terms of Reference;
- To recommend to the Board to submit the draft response to PRRB.

Following his update the Resources Committee Chair handed back to the Board Chair to put the Committee's recommendations to the Board.

It was subsequently **AGREED** by Members to:

- **APPROVE** the Committee's recommendation in respect of the Above Delegated Authority request referenced above;
- **APPROVE** the Committee's Annual report;
- **APPROVE** the Committee's Terms of Reference;
- **APPROVE** the draft response for issue to PRRB.

Board officials to arrange for the necessary approvals to be forwarded to PSNI/DoJ. **(AP3)**

7.4 Audit and Risk Assurance Committee – 23 May 2023

The Board noted the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Chair's Report from the meeting on 23 May 2023.

The Chair noted that the main issue discussed at the meeting was the Draft Annual Report and Accounts for 2022\23. Feedback and suggested amendments were provided to Board officials and (subject to the proposed amendments) Members approved the draft for sharing with the external auditors. Following audit, a final updated Report will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting on 22 June 2023.

The ARAC Committee Chair advised the Committee also considered two requests which required the Committee to make a recommendation to the Board. These were:

- To recommend to the Board to approve the draft Annual ARAC Committee report for 2022/23;
- To recommend to the Board to approve the ARAC Committee Terms of Reference.

Following his update the ARAC Committee Chair handed back to the Board Chair to put the Committee recommendations to the Board.

It was subsequently **AGREED** by Members to:

- **APPROVE** the Committee's Annual report; and
- **APPROVE** the Committee's Terms of Reference.

7.5 Discipline Committee Annual Report

The Board noted the Discipline Committee's Annual report for 2022\23.

The Discipline Committee Chair advised that an annual review of the Terms of Reference (TOR) was not deemed necessary given the relatively recent establishment of the Committee and its TOR. The TOR were reviewed at the end of 2022 in light of caseload experience. The Chair noted the Discipline Committee is still establishing itself, and as such the TOR will be kept under review at future meetings and in light of future cases that may come before the Committee.

The Committee Chair advised that Members of the Committee had agreed by written procedure to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the draft Annual Discipline Committee report for 2022/23.

Following his update the Discipline Committee Chair handed back to the Board Chair to put the Committee recommendations to the Board.

It was subsequently **AGREED** by Members to:

- **APPROVE** the Discipline Committee's Annual report for 2022\23.

The Communications Manager agreed to amalgamate all approved Committee Annual Reports into one composite document prior to publication. **(AP4)**

8. BOARD BUSINESS

8.1 National Crime Agency Report – Q3 (Oct-Dec) and Q4 (Jan-Mar)

The Director of Performance presented a paper which provided Members with a summary report of the NCA's and the PSNI's performance and activity in Northern Ireland in respect of Serious and Organised Crime covering the Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 periods of October 2022 to March 2023. The paper highlighted the key issues that Members may wish to consider and discuss further with the NCA Director General Graeme Biggar and the PSNI Chief Constable later in the meeting.

During discussion Members requested further information on:

- A breakdown on the 35 suspected drug related deaths between January and March 2023
- Why children in NI are particularly vulnerable to exploitation.

Board officials to follow up and revert to the Members with the additional information. **(AP5)**

Members **NOTED** the report.

8.2 Draft Human Rights Review – Children and Young People: Strip Search in Police Custody

The Human Rights Advisor presented a paper which sought Members' approval and agreement to publish the final report of the Human Rights Review of Strip Searching of Children and Young People in Police Custody which was approved by the Performance Committee in May 2023.

The Human Rights Advisor explained that in February 2023, Members of Performance Committee requested that a Review of PSNI's strip searching of children and young people in custody during 2022 be carried out. The Committee agreed a Terms of Reference for this Review and for it to be carried out by the Human Rights Advisor. The Human Rights Advisor noted that in progressing this report he, and Board officials met with officials from a range of organisations across the Youth sector, as well as PSNI custody leads, the strip search scrutiny panel run by Norfolk and Suffolk Police and the NI Appropriate Adult Scheme provider. The Human Rights Advisor noted he reviewed all custody records / information of all cases and discussed each one in detail with the PSNI. In concluding this Review the Human Rights Advisor advised he has made ten recommendations for PSNI to progress.

The Human Rights Advisor noted however, during the fact checking exercise, following Committee approval on 11th May 2023, PSNI advised that a further seven strip searches were held during 2022, which had not been included in the original group of 20. This was due to human error which has since been rectified with the assistance of a police analyst. The Human Rights Advisor confirmed that both he and Board Officials have considered the information from the further seven cases and are of the view that they do not affect the findings of the report or the recommendations.

The Human Rights advisor noted that a number of comments on the recommendations have been received from Members since the Performance Committee meeting. These comments have enhanced the recommendations and they have been updated accordingly. The Human Rights advisor noted the tracked changes/comments are included in Annex B of this paper for Members' information.

Following discussion Members:

- **APPROVED** the final draft of the report; and
- **AGREED** to publish the report in June 2023.

8.3 Draft Human Rights Review of Privacy and Policing

The Human Rights Advisor presented a paper which sought Members' approval and agreement to publish the final report of the Human Rights Advisor's Review of Privacy and Policing.

The Human Rights Advisor noted a draft Human Rights Review of Privacy and Policing was presented to the Performance Committee at its meeting on 9th March 2023. Following feedback at Committee, Board Officials shared the final draft of the document with relevant branches in PSNI for detailed fact checking. The Human Rights Advisor confirmed that amendments and corrections have been incorporated into this final report to ensure accuracy, and feedback and

requests for further information from Members have also been incorporated into this final report. The final report was considered by Performance Committee again at its meeting on 11th May 2023 and the Committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Board for the Report to be approved and to seek approval to publish.

The Human Rights Advisor advised the Report is part of the three-year human rights programme of work and has been developed over the past six months. The Human Rights Advisor noted that both he and officials have carried out extensive research and consulted widely, from engaging with different branches in PSNI to Non-Governmental Organisations and other public bodies. The Human Rights Advisor advised he has made six formal recommendations where it has been identified that PSNI action is necessary, and these can be found in the Executive Summary of the final report. The recommendations reflect the need for a wider public debate around privacy and policing with stakeholders and envisage the Policing Board taking an active role in the governance of data ethics in policing.

The Human Rights Advisor advised Members that paragraph 179 regarding the Investigatory Powers Tribunal case against the PSNI was updated following discussions emanating from the BBC Spotlight programme on 16 May 2023. The Human Rights Advisor confirmed he is now investigating the case more closely and will provide an update to Performance Committee in due course.

Following discussion Members:

- **APPROVED** the final draft of the report; and
- **AGREED** to publish the report in June 2023.

9. KEY ISSUES OF PUBLIC INTEREST

The Board noted a paper which detailed recent issues of public interest which were relevant to the Board's areas of work. Recent news stories of concern will be addressed when PSNI attend the meeting.

10. PRIVATE SESSION WITH THE NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

The Chair welcomed Mr Graeme Biggar, Director General of the National Crime Agency (NCA), and his colleagues to the meeting.

The Director General updated Members on the NCA's recent work, noting that since he last met with Board Members in December 2022 the NCA have produced a new 5 year strategy which is based on the NCA's analysis of the threat level. The Director General advised that the new strategy sees a shift in the Agency's efforts to tackle Serious and Organised Crime and the focus of the organisation has moved more upstream, overseas and online in a bid to dismantle the highest end of high-harm organised crime groups and networks.

The Director General advised that as he stated previously, two significant factors which have influenced Serious and Organised Crime are the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the increase in illegal immigration in small boats across the channel and these factors continue to shape the face of Serious and Organised Crime. The Director General advised the NCA are pressing forward with continued activity to disrupt Russian oligarchs and have recently imposed new sanctions on a number of Cypriots – (the NCA have learned Cyprus has been a central point for Russian money laundering activity). In relation to illegal immigration the Director General noted the UK has seen a decrease in the amount of migrants crossing the channel illegally in quarter 1, however, a surge is expected over the summer months.

The Director General added that another key area the NCA are focused on is the supply and distribution of drugs within the UK. The Director General advised

that drug prices have increased significantly over recent months, however despite this, demand still remains high. The Director General advised the NCA are committed to driving down the number of drug deaths and their endeavours are focused on trying to prevent new drugs from coming into the UK and will soon be starting an analysis project with the USA in this regard.

The Director General advised that since he was last in attendance at this meeting in December 2022 he has been liaising with the Chief Constable in relation to the NCA's role in Northern Ireland (NI) and how it can best support and enhance the work of the PSNI. Following discussion, it was agreed to refocus efforts on three areas:

- To identify the highest value targets in NI and focus NCA and PSNI resource on bringing these most serious criminals to justice;
- To re-energise the work the NCA is doing for the UK as a whole on tracking down fugitives. The Director General noted the NCA has had success with some Police forces and he would like to replicate this success with the PSNI by reinvigorating the work to apprehend NI criminals that arrest warrants have been issued for;
- Bolstering the NCA efforts on work with the Paramilitary Crime Task Force, in particular the use of civil recovery powers.

The Director General updated Members on some recent successful results relevant to Northern Ireland:

- Seizure of £6m worth of cannabis at Belfast port several weeks ago;
- Conviction 2 weeks ago of an individual from NI who had attempted to bring a quantity of heroin into Liverpool;
- A property freezing order on land in Blackwatertown for the value of £100k;
- An Unexplained Wealth Order currently being processed by NI Courts.

In addition to the above the NCA Director General addressed a range of matters from Members concerning:

- Printing of 3D firearms;
- Work NCA are doing on Artificial Intelligence;
- Unexplained Wealth Orders; and
- Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

The Chair thanked the Director General and the NCA officials for their private briefing to the Board and they left the meeting.

11. PRIVATE SESSION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE INCLUDING CHIEF CONSTABLE'S ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Chair welcomed the Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable, Chief Operating Officer Pamela McCreedy, Assistant Chief Constable Mark McEwan, Assistant Chief Constable Bobby Singleton, Assistant Chief Constable Chris Todd, Assistant Chief Officer Corporate Services Mark McNaughten, Assistant Chief Officer People & Organisational Development Clare Duffield, Chief Superintendent Ryan Henderson, Executive Support Team, and Leanne Barnett, Strategic Communications & Engagement to the meeting.

The Chief Constable thanked Members and welcomed the recent three year extension to his contract and made introductory remarks on a number of topics including the successful policing operation of the King's visit to Northern Ireland last week, the recent arrests in relation to the attempted murder of DCI Caldwell in February, policing of anti social behaviour during the recent spell of good weather and the continued stark budgetary situation which has been affirmed by the issue of the 2023-24 Opening Budget Allocation from the Department of Justice (DoJ) on 18 May 2023.

The Chair asked for Member questions and the following matters were discussed with PSNI Leadership team:

PSNI Budget -- The Chief Constable advised that although the Opening Budget Allocation for 2023-24 represents a somewhat improved settlement of a 1.7% reduction instead of a reduction of 4.75%, the PSNI continues to face significant financial challenges and noted they have assessed the shortfall between their resource requirement and the budget provided, to be in the region of £107m. As such, the financial outlook for this year remains bleak and presents a tension between the Chief Constable's duties under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 and his responsibilities as an Accounting Officer.

The Chief Constable advised a 90-day review has been initiated to identify and assess further cost savings, and once these proposals have been through the PSNI's own internal governance procedures they will be presented to the Resources Committee and Board Members in due course. The Chief Constable noted that unavoidably, the PSNI Leadership team are reviewing the operating model to ensure it meets the challenge of coping with less resources and increased demand. The Chief Constable noted that some measures identified include pausing officer and staff recruitment, reduced internal promotion and selections, reduction on overtime, a slowing down of estate and fleet repairs, operating with a reduced fleet. Including the potential grounding of one helicopter and the potential reduction in police station opening hours.

In addition to the above the PSNI Leadership team addressed a range of matters from Members concerning:

- The BBC Spotlight programme
- Unexplained Wealth Orders
- Child criminal and sexual exploitation
- Assessment of the rise in the use of the drug OxyContin

The Chair thanked the Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable, Chief Operating Officer Pamela McCreedy, Assistant Chief Constable Mark McEwan, Assistant Chief Constable Bobby Singleton, Assistant Chief Constable Chris Todd, Assistant Chief Officer Corporate Services Mark McNaughten, Assistant Chief Officer People & Organisational Development Clare Duffield, Chief Superintendent Ryan Henderson, Executive Support Team, and Leanne Barnett, Strategic Communications & Engagement for their private briefing to the Board.

12. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

12.1 Issues Arising from Committees

There were no issues arising from recent Committee meetings for the Board's attention.

12.2 Committee Written Questions and Responses

There were no responses to Committee questions to note within this period.

12.3 Individual Members' Written Questions and Responses

Members noted the responses received from the Chief Constable in relation to Members written questions and follow up response to verbal questions from the previous Board meeting on 4 May 2023.

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS JULY – DECEMBER 2023

Members noted the schedule of Board and Committee meeting dates from July to December 2023.

14. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

None raised.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chief Executive advised that during the meeting this morning there was a silent protest outside the building by former officers awaiting assessment/consideration for police pension and injury on duty awards. The Chief Executive advised she took receipt of a letter of complaint from this group and this will be taken forward via the Resources Committee and an appropriate response agreed. **(AP6)**

The Chief Executive added that a further letter addressed to all Board Members had been received yesterday from Paul Girvan MP, following up on his letter of 20 April 2023. The Chief Executive noted that as was agreed at the previous Board meeting on 4 May 2023, the correspondence had been referred to the May meeting of the Resources Committee, following which, a collective response was agreed, which was then submitted to the Chair of the Board for her consideration. This reply was cleared for issue by the Board Chair on 31st May 2023 and Mr Girvan should now be in receipt of it. The Chief Executive noted that if Members are content it is proposed that again the correspondence would be referred to Resources Committee for consideration with a view to a response being issued by the Chair of the Board on behalf of all Members.

Members confirmed they were content with this approach, however one Member requested that the letters addressed to each person should be issued to each Member individually. **(AP7)**

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6 July 2023 at 9.30am in the conference room, James House.

The private meeting closed at 11am.

The Board then moved into the public session from 11am to 12.30pm which was held by a video conference facility and livestreamed.

A verbatim recording of the Board meeting in public is available on the Board's YouTube page @nipolicingboard

This was followed by the private session with the Chief Constable from 1.30 pm to 3.40pm.

Strategic Planning & Governance

Date: June 2023

Chair