

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025 AT 16.50PM IN DUNADRY HOTEL, ANTRIM

PRESENT:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chair)
Mr Frank McManus (Vice-Chair)
Mr Keith Buchanan
Ms Marian Cree
Mr Gerry Kelly MLA
Mr Les Allamby
Dr Kate Lavery
Mr Peter Osborne
Mr Peter McReynolds MLA

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Mukesh Sharma (Board Chair)
Mr Brendan Mullan (Board Vice-Chair)
Mr Tommy O'Reilly
Mr Patrick Nelson

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Sinead Simpson, Chief Executive
Two Board Officials

1.0 Kinnegar Site Purchase

The Chair of the Committee informed Members that the special meeting was being held to discuss the proposed Kinnegar Site Purchase and specifically the PSNI responses to points raised by Members at the Resources Committee meeting of the 23rd January 2025.

The five questions put to PSNI following the Resources Committee meeting were then noted as below:

1. To provide a summary of the current status of progress on the recommendations in the Consultant report;

2. Confirmation from NI Water as to whether there is a working connection to the site, the capacity of that connection, and if not a commitment to reinstate it.
3. Confirmation from the relevant agency(ies) that the arrangements for the Sluice are permissible from their perspective.
4. An indication of the breakdown of costs in relation to dealing with the contamination issues.
5. Which Agency/organisation owns the access road, and what barriers will PSNI face in upgrading the road.

The Committee considered the responses received in turn and noted in some instances it had not been possible to receive formal responses from relevant agencies due to the impact of the storm on regional infrastructure late the previous week.

Member considerations included:

- that PSNI have peer reviewed the Sellers review but have not conducted their own review,
- detail provided in the consultant's report regarding contamination issues, and,
- likely costs to upkeep Garnerville in the event that this site purchase does not proceed, and that the Kinnegar site will not solely be used for training purposes but will also meets the PSNI's rationalisation needs.

Having considered the information provided, Members acknowledged that their decision was a risk versus reward decision with Members agreeing that they would need to reach an "on balance" decision based on in the information received.

The Committee Chair and a party colleague noted their view was that the purchase should not be approved (due to a number of concerns including

flood alleviation) and requested this be recorded. However, while not unanimous, there was consensus among the remaining Members that on balance, the Committee should recommend the Board approves the purchase of the Kinnegar site.

Following discussion it was agreed:

- To recommend the Board **APPROVES** the purchase of the Kinnegar Site for the future development of a new police college and rationalisation of other PSNI Belfast sites.

The meeting ended at 17.20pm

CHAIR

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

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