

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2026 AT 9.30AM IN JAMES HOUSE, BELFAST**

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mr Brendan Mullan (Chair) \*
- Mr Mukesh Sharma (Vice-Chair) \*
- Mrs Marian Cree
- (1) Miss Nuala McAllister MLA
- Mr Tommy O'Reilly
- (1) Mr Les Allamby
- (2) Mr Alan Chambers MLA
- Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
- Mrs Linda Dillon MLA
- Mr Gerry Kelly MLA
- Mr Keith Buchanan MLA
- (3) Mr Patrick Nelson
- (4) Mr Peter Osborne
- (2) Mr Frank McManus
- (5) Mr Colin McGrath MLA
- Ms Deirdre Hargey MLA
- (2) Mr Peter McReynolds MLA
- (2) Dr Kate Laverty

#### **POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:**

- (6) Mr Jon Boutcher, Chief Constable
- (6) Mr Bobby Singleton, Deputy Chief Constable
- (6) Ms Melanie Jones, Assistant Chief Constable
- (6) Mr Davy Beck, Assistant Chief Constable
- (6) Mr Anthony McNally, Assistant Chief Constable
- (6) Ms Clare Duffield, Assistant Chief Officer People and Organisational Development
- (6) Mr Ryan Henderson, Assistant Chief Constable
- (6) Mr Mark McNaughten, Assistant Chief Officer Corporate Services
- (6) Ms Aldrina Magwood, Assistant Chief Officer Strategic Planning & Transformation
- (6) Chief Superintendent

(6) Three Staff

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

Mrs Sinead Simpson, Chief Executive  
Mr Sam Hagen, Senior Director of  
Resources  
Mr Adrian McNamee, Director of  
Performance  
Ms Sarah Reid, T/Director of Police  
Pensions & Injury Benefits  
Ms Paula Gow, T/Director of Partnership  
Four Officials

**OTHER OFFICIALS IN  
ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Aonghus Kelly, Human Rights Advisor

**\* Elected to Office at Item 3**

- (1) Left at 2.25pm
- (2) Left after public meeting
- (3) Left at 3.20pm
- (4) Left at 3.05pm
- (5) Left at 2.35pm
- (6) Item 11 only

The Chief Executive assumed the role of Chair for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, as provided for in the Board's Standing Orders.

The term of Office for the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board ended on Tuesday 31 March 2026 in accordance with their terms of appointment.

The Chief Executive set out the programme for the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Ms Cheryl Brownlee MLA.

Members **AGREED** the agenda.

## **2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Members did not indicate any matters they wished to raise under 'Any Other Business' at agenda item 13.

## **3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

The Chief Executive provided Members with an overview of the process for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair to the NI Policing Board.

By way of background, the election of Chair and Vice-Chair to the Board is governed by paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Police (NI) Act 2000, and the selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair is made by the Board from among its Members.

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, details of which were provided in the paper.

The Chief Executive advised that the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected to serve for a period of two years and noted that in line with Part VI, Schedule 1 to the Police (NI) Act 2000 and the Board's Standing Orders, a quorum of at least 12 voting Members is required to proceed with the election of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Chief Executive outlined the process for the nomination and election for the position of Chair, as follows:

- Each Member will be provided with a nominations sheet and the meeting will adjourn to allow Members to register their nomination. Members were asked to nominate one person for the Chair position, by marking beside the Members name.
- Upon reconvening Members will be advised of the names of those nominated, and nominees will be asked to confirm they are content to accept the nomination.
- A voting sheet with the names of those nominated will be issued and the meeting will be adjourned again for the vote to take place. Upon reconvening the Board will be advised of the number of votes each nominee received, and should there not be a clear majority at this stage then the vote will be re-run until that is the case.
- This process will be repeated for the nomination and election of Vice - Chair.

Members confirmed they were content with the process outlined.

The meeting was briefly adjourned to complete the nomination process for the Chair.

Upon reconvening the Chief Executive advised of 3 nominations for the role of Board Chair, in alphabetical order – Mr Brendan Mullan, Mr Peter Osborne, and Mr Mukesh Sharma.

The 3 nominees confirmed they were content to accept the nomination, and the meeting was adjourned to allow Members to register their vote.

Following the vote and collation of results Members were advised of no clear majority and the 2 candidates with the most votes would proceed to a second round of voting to ensure a clear majority. It was confirmed that Mr Brendan Mullan and Mr Mukesh Sharma would proceed to the second round and the meeting was briefly adjourned to allow for voting to take place.

Upon reconvening it was confirmed by a clear majority of votes cast to elect Mr Brendan Mullan to the role of Board Chair.

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- That Mr Brendan Mullan be elected as Chair of the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

The other 2 nominees were thanked for their participation and engagement in the process.

The Chief Executive invited nominations for the role of Vice-Chair of the Board.

Following a brief adjournment to secure nominations it was confirmed that Mr Peter Osborne, Mr Tommy O'Reilly and Mr Mukesh Sharma were nominated for the role.

The nominees confirmed that they were content to accept the nomination and there was a brief adjournment to allow voting to take place.

Upon reconvening and following the collation of votes it was confirmed by a clear majority of votes cast to elect Mr Mukesh Sharma to the role of Board Vice-Chair.

It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- That Mr Mukesh Sharma be elected as Vice-Chair of the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

The other 2 nominees were thanked for their participation and engagement in the process.

Following a brief adjournment to allow the new Board Chair and Vice-Chair to assume their roles, the Chair thanked Members and paid tribute to the previous Chair (Mr Mukesh Sharma) for his successful stewardship over the previous 2 years and acknowledged the significant progress and achievements during his tenure.

The Chair emphasised the importance of the year ahead in relation to ongoing work to mark the 25 year anniversary of new Policing arrangements in Northern Ireland, the need to continue to advocate for policing and a forward look in respect of an update on the McCullough Review, tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), misogyny, the need for cultural change within PSNI, and addressing ongoing challenges in relation to representativeness within PSNI, sickness absence, and Ill Health Retirement.

### **3.1 Review of Policing Board Standing Orders**

The Strategic Planning and Governance manager presented a paper as part of a review of the Board's Standing Orders which were last considered by the Board in April 2024 and advised of the requirement to review the Standing Orders at the beginning of each new term of the Board.

Members were provided with an overview of proposed amendments to the Standing Orders covering the following sections – order of business, election of Chair and Vice-Chair, meeting papers & minutes, and questions at Board meetings. An overview was also provided in relation to 2 amendments proposed in Appendix 1: Board meeting – responsibilities.

A Member raised the matter of the Board's oversight arrangements with the National Crime Agency (NCA) and whether the Board's Committees should have a larger role to allow for additional scrutiny.

In response Members were advised that the NCA Director General (DG) attends the Board twice a year and NCA provides a report to the Board bi-annually on its activities in NI.

Following discussion a Member indicated that oversight arrangements for the NCA should be enhanced in NI, and it was **AGREED** to explore further at a future Board meeting with potential involvement from the Board's Performance Committee. **(AP1)**

Members discussed the following matters in relation to the review of the Board's Standing Orders:

- To include reference in section relating to Members' Code of Conduct that Members will accept and sign the code.
- Board Meetings Responsibilities – to reflect that the Board has a role in appointing Directors of the NI Policing Board (Senior Management Team).
- To amend section on election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair to clarify role of Chief Executive in this process.
- that the election of a new Board Chair and Vice-Chair will take place at the last meeting of the current Board Chair/Vice-Chair tenure to facilitate a smoother transition.

Following discuss Members **AGREED** to:

- **APPROVE** the Board's Standing Orders for publication on the NIPB website, subject to the amendments outlined above. **(AP2)**

#### **4. DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS:**

##### **4.1 Thursday 5 March 2026**

The Chair asked Members to consider the draft minutes of the Board meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2026.

A Member suggested an amendment to the discussion on the review of the Members code of conduct at agenda item 6.4.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Subject to making the amendment above that the draft minutes of the Board meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2026 be **APPROVED** as a correct record for publication on the Board's website.

##### **4.2 Friday 20 February 2026**

The Chair asked Members to consider the draft minutes of the Board meeting held on Friday 20 February 2026.

Members were advised that the draft minutes had been previously shared and that minor amendments had been made to the version circulated.

Members **NOTED** the minor amendments and It was **RESOLVED** that:

- The draft minutes of the Board meeting held on Friday 20 February 2026 be **APPROVED** as a correct record for publication on the Board's website.

## **5. QUESTIONS TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

The Chief Executive advised Members of the advanced notice questions received to date for the public and private sessions later in the meeting and Members advised of additional questions for PSNI.

### **5.1 Chief Constable's Accountability Report**

Members **NOTED** the Chief Constable's accountability report to inform discussion with the PSNI leadership team at both the public and private sessions at today's meeting.

### **5.2 Individual Members Written Questions and Responses**

Members **NOTED** the one PSNI response to Members' written questions since the last meeting, and PSNI follow up responses from the March Board meeting.

### **5.3 Committee Written Questions and Responses**

No responses to Committee questions were received since the last meeting.

### **5.4 Key Issues of Public Interest**

Members **NOTED** a paper from the communications manager which detailed recent issues of public interest relevant to the Board's areas of work.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **6.1 Performance Committee – Thursday 12 March 2026**

The Board **NOTED** the Performance Committee Chair's report and draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2026.

### **6.2 Resources Committee – Thursday 19 March 2026**

The Board **NOTED** the Resources Committee Chair's report of the meeting held on Thursday 19 March 2026.

The Committee Chair advised of the Committee recommendation to approve one PSNI Above Delegated Authority request, and following consideration it was subsequently **AGREED** by Members to:

- **APPROVE** the Above Delegated Authority request for the case outlined in respect of compensation and estimated plaintiff's legal costs due to alleged negligence in respect of psychological injuries sustained in the course of the officer's duties.

### **6.3 Audit & Risk Assurance Committee – Thursday 19 March 2026**

The Board **NOTED** the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee Chair's report of the meeting held on Thursday 19 March 2026.

The Committee Chair advised of the Committee recommendation in respect of the NI Policing Board (NIPB) Resource Plan 2026-27 and that senior officials will continue to work on the matter.

Following consideration it was subsequently **AGREED** by Members to:

- **NOTE** but **NOT APPROVE** the NIPB Resource Plan 2026-27.

#### **6.4 Partnership Committee – Thursday 26 March 2026**

The Board **NOTED** the Partnership Committee Chair's report of the Board engagement event held on Thursday 26 March 2026.

The Chief Executive advised of the Committee recommendations in relation to issuing correspondence on the Adult Protection Bill and the Speed Limit Review consultation 2026.

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

- **APPROVE** the issuing of correspondence in relation to the above matters.

### **7. BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 Recent Issues - Violence Against Women and Girls, Professional Standards and the Langdale Review**

The Director of Performance presented a paper to provide Members with an outline of the key reports and PSNI updates on a number of issues in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Professional Standards issues to inform discussion with PSNI at the public and private sessions later in the meeting.

This included an update on the scrutiny to date at the Board's Committees and also identifies key issues in respect of recommendations made following the Angiolini Inquiry (2024) and Di Maria Case.

Members were provided with the PSNI response to Angiolini and Di Maria which included an update report on Op RORIC, relevant findings of the PSNI Inclusion Survey, and the Langdale Review Report.

In respect of the Board holding PSNI account on these issues Members were referred to the latest Professional Standards Annual Report 2024-25 and considered by the Board's Performance Committee in October 2025; Policing Plan Indicator 1.1: The Effectiveness in Tackling VAWG considered by the Performance Committee in December 2025; and the recent completion of an extensive review of the 2008 PSNI Code of Ethics addressing relevant issues in relation to sexual or improper relationships.

Members were also referred to recent inspectorate and other relevant reports including the CJINI Inspection of PONI Investigation of Abuse of Position concerns and complaints; OPONI Report: Abuse of Position for Sexual Purposes by PSNI Officers and related press release; and the Department of Justice Independent Review of the Creswell Case.

Members thanked officials for the work carried out to summarise all the matters relevant to this area and advised of questions for the PSNI at the public and private sessions later in the meeting.

Members discussed the monitoring process for multiple recommendations within the various reports; need for additional funding to facilitate the implementation of these recommendations; whether some of the recommendations can be reviewed to avoid duplications/ overlap across reports; that all recommendations were collated for Op RORIC, The Langdale Review and Angiolini Inquiry to facilitate future consideration by the Board and Performance Committee.

In response Members were advised that the Board's Performance committee monitors the implementation of recommendations from the various reports on a quarterly/ bi annual basis and will focus on high priority recommendations; that consideration should be given to the relevance of the Gillen Review Report from 2019, albeit it was noted that this review had a wider remit aimed at improving

the handling of sexual violence cases within the Northern Ireland criminal justice system.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** to collate all VAWG related recommendations to be progressed alongside a timeline for completion and discussion at a future Board meeting. **(AP3)**

## **7.2 Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland Five-Year Legislative Review – Board Consultation Response**

The Director of Performance presented a paper to advise Members of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (OPONI) 5 year review of the legislation which governs the work of the Office. The paper provided Members with details of the consultation to enable the Board, as key stakeholders, to provide a response.

The Board's Performance Committee considered and agreed a draft consultation response to the 23 proposals at its meeting in March 2026, and Committee Members agreed to support 18 of the proposals, but to not support 5 of the proposals.

A Member asked about resourcing challenges at PONI and options available to contract out workload to address future resource challenges and a DUP Member raised concerns regarding some of the proposals supported in the draft response, and that time was limited to discuss these concerns with the consultation closing on 3 April 2026.

The Member asked for the draft consultation response to record DUP concerns on a number of the proposals and it was subsequently **AGREED** to:

- **APPROVE** the draft consultation response that has been discussed and agreed at the Board's Performance Committee.

### 7.3 Review of the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committees of the Board

The Chief Executive presented a paper for Members to consider the recommendations on amendments to the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Board's Committees and agree the revised TOR for the Standing Committees of the Board.

Members considered the proposed changes for the TOR of each of the Board's Committees, and noted that for the Board's Discipline Committee, legal advice is being sought on the proposed changes before sharing with the Board.

In respect of the Senior Officers Employee Matters (SOEM) Group the Chief Executive advised of minor amendments suggested primarily to the membership.

The Chair suggested an amendment to the Board's Partnership Committee TOR under evaluation of performance and that it be aligned with the other TORs to reflect that the Committee will assess its own effectiveness on an annual basis.

Following discussion and subject to the amendment outlined above Members:

- **AGREED** the recommended amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committees of the Board and,
- **NOTED** that following agreement, this revised composite document will be published on the Board's website, and
- **NOTED** that any changes to the TOR for the Board's Discipline Committee will be brought to a future Board meeting.

#### 7.4 Review of NI Policing Board Members' Code of Conduct

The Chief Executive asked Members to consider a revised NIPB Code of Conduct following several recent discussions and that the current draft reflects Members' views following consideration at the Board meeting in March 2026.

Members discussed an amendment to the wording of appeals period; the requirement to consult with the Minister of Justice on the new Code; the appeals process following any determination of a breach of the code and role of another Police Authority or equivalent body; amendment to the section on lodging an appeal and determination of a breach; to ensure any reference to an appropriate person is consistent throughout the Code; and the need to obtain legal advice regarding the appeals process.

Following discussion and subject to the amendments outlined Members:

- **AGREED** to share a revised draft with the Crown Solicitors Office (CSO) for legal advice, and to return the code to the Board if CSO suggest amendments **(AP4)**,
- **AGREED** that the code would be agreed by Members before any next steps were progressed, and
- **NOTED** the proposed next steps in relation to the role of the Minister of Justice in the process and that, following the MoJ having had sight of the final draft, the Code of Conduct would come back to be finalised and agreed by the Board, at which time, all Members will be asked to sign the Code.

#### 8. ACTION LOG

Members **NOTED** the action log for the Board meetings held on 5 March 2026 and 5 February 2026.

The Chair highlighted AP7 from the Board meeting on 5 March 2026 and impact of PSNIs risk management on allocation of resources and that PSNI will be invited to a future Board meeting to discuss further.

## **9. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Chair's Report**

The Chair asked the Board to **NOTE** the Chair's report and associated addendum which advised Members of:

- The Chair's engagements carried out during the period 6 March 2026 to 27 March 2026.
- A full list of correspondence issued and received by the Chair during the period 4 March 2026 to 31 March 2026.

In respect of engagements and meetings which may be of particular interest Members were referred to Appendix 1A of the report for a summary of the key issues discussed.

Members highlighted the following matters:

- Correspondence from a Member not in the meeting at the time in respect of MI5 activities in NI, and a section 60 Inquiry relating to the McCullough Review.

In response the Board's Human Rights advisor advised the Board of meetings which have taken place regarding timelines for ongoing Investigatory Power Tribunal (IPT) cases linked to the independent McCullough review, and that a McCullough Review update is to be confirmed.

- Correspondence received in relation to allegations made against PSNI and an organised criminal network.
- Status of the handling by PSNI of a Freedom of Information (FOI) request from a journalist.  
In response Members were updated on correspondence received and sent to PSNI, and noted that the response to the Chair's letter to the Chief Constable would be obtained for the next Board meeting.
- Correspondence from the Minister of Justice in relation to the PSNI Assistant Chief Officer Strategic Planning and Transformation role, and request to have sight of a proposed review of the terms and conditions of Members of the PSNI Senior Executive Team.

In response Members were advised that the issues raised in relation to the ACO role had been resolved and that work was now underway to amend the contract to make the position permanent. Members also noted that work continues with the HR Consultancy firm 'HeadsTogether' to progress the issue of the review of the terms and conditions of SET.

On other matters the Chair provided the following updates:

- Request for Members to provide feedback on the Chief Constable's end of year performance review.
- The PSNI Chief Operating Officer (COO) has advised the Board of an invitation to apply for a position on the Senate of Queens University Belfast. The Board has been assured this will not impact the COOs ability to fulfil current responsibilities and that the Chief Constable is fully supportive of the application. It was agreed to issue a response to the COO advising the Board has no issues with these plans.

- An informal lunch will be arranged for all Members in the coming weeks to allow time for discussion outside of the normal Board structures, and that Officials will advise of proposed dates in due course.
- That a University of Ulster event on representativeness in policing is scheduled for evening of 8 June 2026 and formal invites will issue in due course.
- An embargoed response has been received from the Minister of Justice on the Sweeney Independent review of the Board and the matter will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.
- A further update on the McCullough Review received at late notice and therefore not included in the papers will be shared with Members after the meeting.

## **9.2 Draft Terms of Reference – Strategic Review**

The Chief Executive presented a paper to update Members on Terms of Reference (TOR) drafted by PSNI for the strategic review which PSNI asked Members to consider commissioning jointly.

As background, the Board had previously indicated that it was not in favour of a joint commission but was supportive of the work being undertaken and requested to be sighted on the TOR.

Members suggested the TOR include future engagement with the public and stakeholder groups in relation to technological developments and implications; that the Board should note but not approve the TOR without further consideration and approval of a business case; elements relating to the efficiency and effectiveness of PONI as well as affordability have not been included; and that the TOR does not represent the views of the Board and should not be described as a joint venture.

Following discussion, Members NOTED the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the PSNI Strategic Review and agreed that correspondence would issue to advise PSNI that the Board notes the TOR and thanks PSNI for sharing them. **(AP5)**

## **10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Members **NOTED** a report from the Chief Executive which provided an overview of governance and organisational matters and to inform the Board of key items of correspondence relating to Board business.

The Chief Executive highlighted an upcoming visit to the PSNI Public Protection Branch in May 2026 as part of the Board's Partnership committee outreach programme.

Members **NOTED** the update provided.

### **10.1 DRAFT BOARD PROGRAMME OF WORK 2026-27**

Members **NOTED** the amended Board Programme of Work for 2026–27 following the update provided to the Board at the previous meeting in March 2026, and that any further updates will be shared with Members at future meetings.

## **11. PRIVATE SESSION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND PSNI SERVICE EXECUTIVE TEAM**

The Chair welcomed Members back to the private session of the Board meeting. The newly elected Vice Chair expressed his appreciation to the Chief Constable for his continued support and openness during his tenure as Board Chair. The Board Chair then proceeded directly to Member questions.

In response to a Member's question regarding the Langdale Report and the acceptance of the recommendations outlined in the report. The member asked for further clarification on the expected timeline for implementing the recommendations and the associated implementation plan.

The Chief Constable confirmed that they are fully committed to implementing all of the 66 recommendations outlined in the report. Each recommendation has been categorised according to deliverability. A number of recommendations are currently in progress and are expected to be completed within 6 months. The PSNI also confirmed that 25 of the recommendations are short term recommendations, while 30 are medium term and will require cost benchmarking. The PSNI noted that there are certain barriers to effective multi agency working which they intend to address.

A Member noted the drop in the number of child referrals to the Rowan Centre and child aggravators referenced in the report and asked what actions are being taken to progress these cases directly to Public Prosecution Services in order to limit the exposure of children to further abuse.

The PSNI acknowledged the downward trend and potential factors noted in the report. They also indicated that significant work is required within the Social Care space in terms of earlier intervention and emphasised the need to better understand the detail behind the commentary in the report. PSNI will return to the Board with further information on 'child aggravators' covered in the Langdale report and the work underway to address identified gaps.

A Member referred to the Angiolini Report and sought clarification on whether the PSNI continues to reject the recommendation of randomised re-vetting, particularly in light of the recent Di Maria judgement deeming it unlawful to dismiss an officer solely on the basis of post employment failed vetting.

PSNI noted that vetting challenges have intensified and resources in this area are stretched (including as a result of the outworkings of the Recovery business case). PSNI noted their preference to put resources to more systemic programme and also target re-vetting on foot of intelligence to optimise the use of resources. PSNI expressed a desire for legislative change to enable the organisation to exit officers who cannot deliver the full role of a police officer and confirmed that this issue will be raised at forthcoming tripartite discussions.

A Member referred to the Langdale Report and referenced the use of Body Worn Footage for evidence in domestic abuse cases. The Member asked whether the PSNI new body worn footage contract provider, scheduled to commence from January 2026 had been implemented and whether information will be reflected on future dashboard reporting.

The Chief Constable noted the question and confirmed that he would respond in writing with an update to the Board.

Remaining with the Langdale Report another Member referenced the third sector Referral processes and the need for permission to refer cases. The Member also raised concerns regarding Non-molestation order breaches and stressed the need for these to be taken more seriously. The Member also requested an update on the MARAC referral process.

PSNI advised that work is progressing at pace with a strong focus on victims. They explained that a new model is currently being piloted and acknowledged the importance of ensuring the right resources are in place. PSNI also noted the need to roll out the model in a manageable way with appropriate signposting.

Further questions asked by Members in the private session related to:

- What are the implications on PSD coming from the Langdale Report and the McCullough Review Report.
- How can collaboration between the Katie Trust and PSNI be improved as the Trust are currently unable to accompany families to meetings with the PSNI regarding a sudden death of a loved one.
- Members' concerns regarding the Public Order mobilisation exercise which took place the previous weekend and what learning PSNI will take from the exercise.
- PSNI to provide Dalradian Resources Inc. update re explosives escorting services provided by PSNI, as follow up to a long running FOI.
- Members' concerns regarding the high legal fee costs with associated ADA's.
- The Board Chair also invited PSNI to provide an update on Op Constraint.

The Board Chair thanked the Chief Constable and his leadership team for their responses and they left the meeting.

## **12. COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES**

The Communications manager provided an update on a media release following the appointment of the new Board Chair and Vice Chair, and other matters in relation to the VAWG discussion, a recent security incident in Lurgan, the Board's position on ring fenced legacy funding, ICRIR costs regarding information provision, acknowledgement of the investigatory work of PSNI officers, and recognition awards.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members raised concerns about attendance at Board meetings and that some Members do not regularly attend meetings in full, however, it was acknowledged that Members have other commitments to fulfil.

#### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 May 2026 at 9.30am in James House.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

**Strategic Planning & Governance**  
**April 2026**

**Chair**