

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY**

**16 JUNE 2016 AT 2:00PM WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

#### **PRESENT:**

Ms Nichola Mallon(Chairperson)  
Ms Wendy Osborne (Interim Vice-Chairperson)  
Professor Brice Dickson  
Dr Stephen Farry  
Ms Jennifer McCann  
Ms Joanne Bunting  
(2) Mr Nelson McCausland  
Ms Debbie Watters

#### **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

(1) Mrs Amanda Stewart (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs Siobhan Fisher (Acting Director of  
Partnership )  
6 Board Officials

- (1) Open to part Item 5.1
- (2) Open to Item 3

#### **1.1 ELECTION OF PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

The Lead official of Partnership Committee conducted the election for the position of Chairperson of the Partnership Committee. Ms Nichola Mallon was nominated for the role by Ms Wendy Osborne and seconded by Ms Joanne Bunting. Following this,  
The Committee:

#### **AGREED:**

Ms Nichola Mallon is elected to the role of Partnership Committee Chairperson.

#### **1.2 ELECTION OF PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Ms Mallon assumed the Chair and subsequently conducted the election for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Partnership Committee. Ms Catherine Pollock was nominated by Ms Wendy Osborne and seconded by Mr Nelson McCausland. As Ms Pollock is currently on maternity leave Ms Watters suggested an interim Vice-Chairperson is elected and proposed Ms Wendy

Osborne for the role. Professor Brice Dickson seconded the proposal and following discussion,

The Committee:

**AGREED:**

Ms Catherine Pollock is elected to the role of Partnership Committee Vice-Chairperson and Ms Wendy Osborne is elected to the role of Interim Vice-Chairperson of Partnership Committee.

**1.3 APOLOGIES, ETC**

Apologies for today's meeting were received from Ms Catherine Pollock, Mr Ryan Feeney and Mr Raymond McCartney.

The Chairperson asked Members to declare any conflicts of interests arising from the agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

**2.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2016**

It was:

**AGREED:**

By Committee Members present at the 10 March 2016 Partnership Committee meeting to approve the draft minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 10 March 2016.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2016**

The Lead Official advised the Committee that all matters arising from the 10 March 2016 meeting of the Partnership Committee have been actioned. Members noted several agenda items which would be discussed later in the meeting. NOTED.

## 4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

### 4.1 Correspondence

The Committee considered correspondence to the former Partnership Committee Chairperson from the PSNI regarding Working in Partnership: Community Search and Rescue. Officials advised Members that the PSNI have offered to provide a briefing to the Committee on their partnership work with Community Search and Rescue. The Committee was also advised that the PSNI would like to brief Members on the results of the Employee Engagement and Wellbeing Survey carried out as part of the PSNI Policing with the Community project by Durham University.

Following discussion,

It was:

#### **AGREED:**

To progress arrangements for the PSNI to provide briefings to future meetings of the Partnership Committee on Community Search and Rescue and the results of the Employee Engagement and Wellbeing Survey carried out as part of the PSNI Policing with the Community project by Durham University.

## 5. ITEMS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 First Day Briefing Paper

The Lead Official briefed the Committee on a paper providing Members with background information on the roles and responsibilities for the Partnership Committee. Members noted the Committee's remit in relation to:

- The development of the Annual Policing Plan and the Board's Strategic Outcomes for Policing;
- PCSPs and the PCSP Joint Committee;
- Policing with the Community within the PSNI;
- The Partnership Strategy for the Board

- The development of community consultation strategies;
- Cross border co-operation between the PSNI and An Garda Siochana;
- The Board research programme, and;
- The PSNI's external communications strategy.

In response to a Member's question officials advised that the Terms of Reference for all Committees would be an agenda item at the 7 July 2016 Board meeting.

Areas of the Committee's work discussed by Members included possible amendments to the Board's Partnership Strategy given recent developments such as the recommendations included in the Fresh Start Independent Panel Report and how further engagement between Board Members and PCSPs may be facilitated.

The Committee also discussed a future PSNI presentation to the Committee on Policing with the Community and how broader avenues of community engagement could be identified. Following discussion, It was:

**AGREED:**

- To bring to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee the Board's Partnership Strategy and the Fresh Start Independent Panel's Report;
- To bring to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee an options paper in respect of PCSP engagement with Board members and a paper on the progress of a scoping exercise to identify potential new avenues of community engagement by the Board, and;
- To progress arrangements for a PSNI briefing to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee on Policing with the Community (PwC).

## **5.2 Update on the TALK Programme**

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with an update on the current TALK Programme and proposals next year's TALK Programme.

Members noted the information included in the paper in respect of the recently completed cross border strand in Dublin including feedback on the positives and suggested areas for improvement for future programmes.

Members also discussed options for next year's TALK Programme and were of the view that, while they wished to continue to support this year's group of young PCSP Members, they would like to encourage the involvement of a fresh group of young people. Following discussion, It was:

### **AGREED:**

An options paper is brought to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee in respect of proposed participants in Year 3 of the TALK Programme.

## **5.3 Focus Groups and Interviews on Confidence Levels of Young People in the Police**

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with the final report on Focus Groups and Interviews on Confidence Levels of Young People in Policing. Officials provided a brief background to the research including an overview of previous quantitative research conducted by Perceptive Insights on the Board's behalf.

Members discussed several issues including

- the publication of the report on the Board's website;
- The representativeness of the focus groups, and;
- How this research contributes to the establishment of a baseline of young people's confidence in policing.

Some Members were of the view that in advance of publication, the Committee should consider a summary paper providing an overview of the findings of the Perceptive Insight and Queen's University, Belfast research. Following discussion,

It was:

**AGREED:**

- To bring to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee a summary paper in respect of the findings of the Perceptive Insight and Queens University Belfast research regarding young people's confidence levels in policing, and;
- To circulate to all Partnership Committee Members the Perceptive Insight Report regarding young people's confidence levels in police.

**5.4 Timetable for the development of the Annual Policing Plan 2017/18**

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with a draft timetable for the development of the annual Policing Plan 2017/18. Members noted the 31 March 2017 deadline for the publication of the annual Policing Plan and expressed concern at the limited time available for public consultation.

Members discussed the various forums for public consultation, how the PSNI will consult on the annual Policing Plan and the possibility of moving the proposed September joint Strategy Event to a later date in order to maximise the period of public consultation. Following discussion,

It was:

**AGREED:**

To amend the timetable for the development of the annual Policing Plan as discussed and consider a later date for the joint Strategy Event in order to maximise the period of public consultation.

## **6. INFORMATION PAPERS**

### **6.1 Correspondence**

The Committee noted correspondence from the US Office of Public Affairs dated 3 May 2016 regarding the TALK Programme. NOTED.

### **6.2 Partnership Committee Annual Report 2015/16**

The Committee noted the Partnership Committee Annual Report 2015/16. NOTED.

### **6.3 Engagement opportunities with PCSP Policing Committees**

The Committee noted a paper providing Members with details of upcoming public and private meetings of PCSP Policing Committees. Officials advised that updates would be circulated to all Members on an ongoing basis. NOTED.

## **7. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

It was:

### **AGREED:**

A question is issued to the Chief Constable in respect of the PSNI's approach to public consultation, including public consultation on the Annual Policing Plan.

## **8. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

No communications issues were raised.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members were advised of a complaint issue being progressed by officials in relation to a PCSP matter. NOTED.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Partnership Committee will be held on Tuesday 26 July 2016 at 9.30am. Members noted that all future meetings of the Partnership Committee would commence at 9.30am.

(Meeting closed at 3.50pm)

**BOARD SUPPORT**

**June 2016**

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**Chairperson**