

The **POLICE AUTHORITY** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK**, on the **13th SEPTEMBER 2006**.

Present:-

Philip Blundell (Independent Member)(**Chair**)
Ian Francis (Magistrate Member)(**Vice Chair**)

Independent Members:-

Brian Lowe
Dorrette McAuslan
John Rennie, DL

Magistrate Members:-

Mike Edwards
Alan Woodward

County Councillors:-

Chris Davis
Eithne Goode
Richard Hobbs
Phillip Morris-Jones
Izzi Seccombe
Mota Singh
Ray Sweet, BEM
John Vereker

Police: -

Chief Constable Keith Bristow
Deputy Chief Constable Andy Parker
Assistant Chief Constable Lewis Benjamin
Assistant Chief Constable Bill Holland
Chief Inspector Chris Wadsworth
Simon Pamely
Richard Elkin
Carl Baldacchino

Police Authority: -

Eric Wood
Oliver Winters
Tony Brown
Neil Gulliver
Claire Thomas

1. General

(1) Apologies

were received from Philip Robson and Katherine King.

(2) Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

John Rennie and Brian Lowe declared personal interests as members of Warwickshire NeighbourhoodWatch and Crimestoppers.

John Vereker declared a personal interest as a Director of Rugby BID.

Richard Hobbs and Dorrette McAuslan declared personal interests as members of Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick CDRP respectively.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th June 2006 and Matters Arising **(i) Minutes**

It was noted that Dorrette McAuslan had incorrectly been omitted from the attendance list.

It was then Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on the 28th June 2006 as amended be approved.

There were no matters arising.

(4) Request for Discussion of En Bloc Items

It was agreed that Agenda items 8, 10, 13 and 17 would be discussed under Part A of the agenda before a decision was taken.

2. Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2006/07

The report of the Chief Constable, Treasurer to the Police Authority & Clerk to the Police Authority was considered.

Simon Pameley responded to a number of Members' questions particularly relating to the claim submitted to the Home Office for the additional costs incurred on police reform. In order to clarify the content of the claim, the Chair asked that a short briefing note on the claim should be made available to all members.

It was then Resolved:-

(1) That approval be given to the surplus of interest on balances being transferred to Corporate

Development (Protective Services) £74,000,
Directors £216,000 and Staff Associations £18,000.

(2) That up to £250,000 be made available to the operational contingency in 2006/07 from the operational reserve.

3. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2006/07

The report by the Chief Constable, Treasurer to the Authority and Clerk to the Police Authority was noted.

4. General Report of the Clerk to the Authority

was considered.

(1) Independent and Lay Justice Member Appointments

Resolved:-

That Members endorse the appointment of Ian Francis as the Police Authority representative on the Selection Panel for Independent Members and that John Vereker be appointed as their representative on the Selection Panel for the Lay Justice Member.

(2) Dates of Meetings January – February 2007

Resolved:-

That approval be given to the dates of meetings for January and February 2007 as set out in Appendix 1 of the Clerk's report.

(3) Police Authority Business Plan 2006/07

(4) Members Allowances

(5) Police Reform

(6) Freedom of Information

These paragraphs were noted.

5. Corporate Governance Action Plan and Code

The report by the Clerk to the Authority was considered.

Resolved:-

- (1) That approval be given to the Corporate Governance Action Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the Clerk's report
- (2) That the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 2 be adopted and support given to the associated cataloguing work detailed in paragraph 8 of the report.

With regard to the request to nominate a Corporate Governance Champion, the Chair suggested that Phil Robson was likely to be heavily involved in the proposed Business Improvement Board and asked if any other Member was interested in being put forward for this role would they let him know as soon as possible.

6. Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

The report of the Chief Constable was considered.

Resolved:-

That the proposal to move to a single CDRP in South Warwickshire be endorsed.

7. Members Update on Activities since the Authority's last meeting

The Chair explained that this was an opportunity for Members to inform their colleagues about occasions when they had been representing the Authority at events etc both locally and nationally:

The Chair

The Chair reported that the APA had recently advertised for a lead member on PNB. He had applied for the post and had been successful. As a result, he had also been appointed to the APA Executive Committee.

He also represented the APA on a recent visit to Pakistan to participate in the inauguration ceremony of the National Public Safety Commission as part of the police reform currently taking place in that country.

Dorrette McAuslan

Dorrette McAuslan reported back on the recent Black Police Officers Conference held in Manchester. Warwickshire was also represented by John Rennie, Keith Bristow and Superintendent Mak Chishty. She found it to be a very informative and impressive Conference with representatives from around the world. One of the themes coming from the Conference was that understanding communities and cultures was the key to more success in solving crimes.

Richard Hobbs

Attended the APA Neighbourhood Policing Policy Group and kept Chief Superintendent David Whitehouse aware of developments around the county.

Katherine King/Claire Thomas

Claire Thomas reported that they were members of an APA Working Group to develop a framework to assist Police Authorities in their duty under the 'Every Child Matters' agenda. It was expected that the guidance would be launched at the APA Conference in November 2006.

8. Operational Performance Review

The report of the Chief Constable was considered.

A number of members commented favourably on the new style of report but were concerned with the direction of travel in a number of key areas. Keith Bristow commented that he shared the members' concern but emphasised the fact that robust enforcement by officers had in fact driven up the crime numbers.

Andy Parker briefly explained that there had been an underlying increase in the level of car crime due to the increasing number of thefts of satellite navigation equipment. John Rennie questioned whether it might be useful to have a publicity campaign to try and make the public more aware of the problem and to take better precautions.

It was agreed that this report should in future be included in Part A of the agenda.

9. 150 Years of Policing in Warwickshire

The report of the Chief Constable was noted.

10. Building Safer Neighbourhoods Together

The report of the Chief Constable was considered.

During discussion of the report, the following issues were highlighted:-

- Possible increase in the use of mobile police stations in the rural parts of the county.
- Need to the right systems to be in place to ensure that community intelligence is rapidly relayed to the reactive police teams or road policing units as appropriate. It was recognised that this was a governance issue for the Authority and that they needed to be assured that the appropriate systems were in place. Lewis Benjamin confirmed that the correct application of the national intelligence system would overcome that problem.

- Bill Holland assured the Authority that the forthcoming G[^] Conference would not have an adverse impact on the launch of the Safer Neighbourhoods project.

11. General Report of the Chief Constable

was considered.

Keith Bristow reported that PC Peter Doherty was making a fantastic recovery from his injuries and was extremely appreciative of the support he had received from colleagues, the Authority and the local community.

- 12. Report of the Professional Standards Committee**
- 13. Report of the Performance Management Group**
- 14. Report of the Business Improvement Panel**
- 15. Report of the Community Engagement Panel**
- 16. Report of the Diversity and Equality Panel**
- 17. Report of the Human Resources Panel**
- 18. Report of the Finance and Audit Panel**

These reports were noted.

19. Any Other Items

None.

20. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the full Authority will be on Wednesday 13th December, 2006 at 10.00 am.

The Chair informed Members that arrangements were in place for a Christmas lunch to take place following this meeting.

21. Reports containing Exempt Information

Resolved: -

That the members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following agenda items on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

22. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th June 2006 and Matters Arising

Resolved: -

That the exempt minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on the 28th June 2006 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

23. The Future of Policing in Warwickshire

The Clerk to the Authority and the Chief Constable presented reports to the Authority on the future of policing in Warwickshire outlining the aims and ambitions of the Force and the way the Authority needed to change its structure to meet the changing demands of policing.

That the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to the Authority be authorised to continue discussions and to report back to the Police Authority.

24. Report of the Physical Resources Panel

was noted.

25. Warwickshire Justice Centre Programme

The report of the Chief Constable was noted.

26. Operational Update

The report by the Chief Constable was noted.

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Chair of the Authority

The meeting closed at 12.45pm