

The **POLICE AUTHORITY** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK**, on the **28th JUNE 2006**.

Present:-

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

Independent Members:-

John Rennie
Philip Robson

Magistrate Members:-

Mike Edwards
Alan Woodward

County Councillors:-

Chris Davis
Eithne Goode
Richard Hobbs
Katherine King
Izzi Seccombe
Mota Singh
Ray Sweet, BEM
John Vereker

Police: -

Chief Constable John Burbeck
Deputy Chief Constable Keith Bristow
Simon Pameley
Richard Elkin

Police Authority: -

Eric Wood
David Clarke
Oliver Winters
Tony Brown
Neil Gulliver
Claire Thomas
Julie Brown

The Chair welcomed Diana Holl-Allen and Jacky Courtney, Chair and Executive Director respectively of the West Midlands Police Authority to the meeting.

1. Election of Chair

Ray Sweet, seconded by John Vereker, moved and it was Resolved:-

That Philip Blundell be elected Chair of Warwickshire Police Authority in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Richard Hobbs, seconded by John Rennie, moved and it was Resolved:-

That Ian Francis be elected Vice Chair of Warwickshire Police Authority in accordance with Standing Order 3.5.

3. General

(1) Apologies

were received from Brian Lowe and Philip Morris-Jones.

(2) Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

John Rennie declared a personal interest as a member of Warwickshire NeighbourhoodWatch and Crimestoppers.

(3) Minutes of the Meetings held on the 22nd February and 19th April 2006 and Matters Arising
(i) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Police Authority's meetings held on the 22nd February and the 19th April 2006 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

(4) Request for Discussion of En Bloc Items

It was agreed that Agenda items 12 and 15 would be discussed under Part A of the agenda before a decision was taken.

4. Police Reform

(1) Report by the Chief Constable

(2) Report by the Clerk to the Authority

were considered.

After John Burbeck and Eric Wood had introduced their reports and commented on recent developments relating to the likely delay in the implementation of the reform proposals, a general discussion ensued during which the following issues were highlighted:-

- The Authority had still not received a response to its letter to the Home Secretary following the Authority's meeting on the 19th April 2006.
- Need to plan for the Force and the Authority remaining in existence at least for the next 2/3 years.
- Serious and urgent consideration needs to be given to the Force's ability to deliver protective services.
- The role of the Police Reform Group may need to be reviewed in the light of potential developments in the police reform agenda.
- Need to be excellent at neighbourhood policing.
- Opportunity has come out of the reform proposals to look at new innovations in support services including collaborative arrangements.
- Warwickshire was a willing participant in a 4 force merger but remained uninterested in any other options.

5. Capital Outturn 2005/06

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

Resolved:-

That approval be given to the capital expenditure and financing for 2005/2006, the determinations and the prudential indicators set out in Appendices 4 and 5 of the joint report.

6. Revenue Outturn and Statement of Accounts 2005/06

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

Resolved:-

- (1) That the Revenue Outturn for 2004/2005 be agreed.
- (2) That £182,000 of the interest earned from the investment of balances received relating to the Justice Centre project be applied to fund the shortfall in running costs for the Northern Justice Centre up to 31st March 2006.
- (3) That the proposals set out in Section 6 of the joint report be approved.

(4) That the virements set out in Appendix 8 of the joint report be noted.

(5) That approval be given to the Statement of Accounts 2004/2005 and that the Chair of the Authority be authorised to sign them on behalf of the Authority.

7. Statement of Internal Control

The report by the Treasurer to the Authority was considered.

Resolved:-

That approval be given to the Statement of Internal Control to be signed by the Chair of the Police Authority and the Chief Constable.

8. Report of the Complaints, Misconduct and Professional Standards Committee

was considered.

Resolved:-

That approval be given to the renaming of the Complaints, Misconduct and Professional Standards Committee as the Professional Standards Committee with immediate effect.

Alan Woodward reported that since the Committee's report had been written, they had held their annual meeting with the Force's ACPO Lead on Professional Standards at which a report by the John Grieve Centre had been considered. He pointed out that it had been felt that the report did not reflect the current developments around the work of Professional Standards and further discussions would be held with the author of the report. He added that that meeting was also attended by John Crawley, the IPCC Commissioner and he was pleased to report that a good working relationship was developing between the Force, the Authority and John Crawley.

Alan Woodward then paid tribute to the work of Mota Singh as a member of the Committee.

9. Report of the Clerk to the Authority

was considered.

(1) Retirement of John Burbeck, Chief Constable

On behalf of the Authority, John Rennie moved and it was unanimously Resolved:-

That Warwickshire Police Authority places on record their sincere thanks and appreciation for the exemplary work and professional leadership of John Burbeck as Chief Constable of Warwickshire and to wish him a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

The Chair reminded Members that they would have a further opportunity to say their farewells to John Burbeck on the 14th July.

(2) Appointment of Keith Bristow as Chief Constable of Warwickshire

Resolved:-

That Members welcome the appointment of Keith Bristow as the new Chief Constable of Warwickshire with effect from the 17th July 2006.

(3) Appointment of Temporary Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable

This paragraph was noted.

(4) Membership of Authority's Committees, Groups and Panels

Resolved:-

- (1) That Warwickshire Police Authority places on record their sincere thanks and appreciation for the service of Mota Singh as a Member of the Authority since 1995.
- (2) That Bob Hicks be appointed to the membership of the Strategy and Policy Group, the Diversity and Equality Panel and the Human Resources Panel
- (3) That Dorrette McAuslan be appointed to the membership of the Professional Standards Committee.
- (4) That the Police Authority structure as set out in Appendix 1 to the Clerk's report be endorsed.
- (5) That Eithne Goode be appointed as the link member for the Southern Panel for the

(5) Remuneration for the Chair of the Police Reform Group

Resolved:-

That approval be given to the Chair of the Police Reform Group receiving a special responsibility allowance of £5,150 with effect from 22nd February 2006.

(6) Vetting Procedures

Resolved:-

(1) That it be confirmed that it should be a requirement that all Custody Visitors are subject to the vetting process and that their appointment or continuation in service is dependent upon a satisfactory outcome to the process.

(2) That approval be given to the introduction of a voluntary vetting scheme as proposed in paragraph 6 of the Clerk's report.

(7) Defining Terrorism

(8) National Black Police Association International Education and Training Convention

These paragraphs were noted.

10. 150 Years of Policing in Warwickshire

The report of the Chief Constable was considered.

Resolved:-

(1) That the Police Authority agree in principle the need to recognise and celebrate 150 years of policing in Warwickshire during 2007.

(2) That John Vereker represents the Authority on the Planning Group.

11. Operational Performance Review

12. General Report of the Chief Constable

13. Safer Neighbourhood Programme

14. Report of the Performance Management Group

15. Report of the Business Improvement Panel

16. Report of the Community Engagement Panel

17. Report of the Finance and Audit Panel

These reports were noted.

18. Any Other Items

None.

19. Date of Next Meeting

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

20. 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 1, 3 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

21. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd February 2006 and Matters Arising

Resolved: -

That the exempt minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on the 22nd February 2006 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

22. Warwickshire Justice Centre
(1) Report of the Chief Constable
(2) Report of the Clerk to the Authority

were noted.

23. Report of the Physical Resources Panel

Members noted the Panel's report together with up-to-date developments with regard to the new accommodation for the Warwickshire Training Centre and the North Warwickshire Deployment Centre.

24. Report of the Urgency Committee

was noted.

25. Exempt Report of the Business Improvement Panel

was considered and approval given to the proposals contained in that report.

26. Operational Update

The report by the Chief Constable was noted.

27. Alcester Police Station – Proposed Alterations and Refurbishment

In considering the Chief Constable's report, approval was given to contract to undertake the alteration and refurbishment works.

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Chair of the Authority

The meeting closed at 12.20pm