

The **POLICE AUTHORITY** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK**, on the **28th June 2007**.

Present:-

John Rennie (Independent Member)(**Chair for the meeting**)

Independent Members:-

Dorrette McAuslan, Steve Nicklin and Phil Robson

Lay Justice Members:-

Mike Edwards and Alan Woodward

County Councillors:-

Chris Davis, Anne Forwood, Richard Hobbs, Katherine King, Phillip Morris-Jones, Izzi Seccombe and John Vereker

Police: -

Deputy Chief Constable Andy Parker, Phil Wheelhouse and Carl Baldacchino

Police Authority: -

Eric Wood, Dave Clarke and Neil Gulliver.

The Chair reported that Ray Sweet had been replaced as one of the Labour Group's representatives on the Authority by Anne Forwood.

1. General

(1) Apologies

were received from Phil Blundell, Ian Francis, Eithne Goode and Bob Hicks.

(2) Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

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

Katherine King declared a personal interest as a Director of Rugby BID.

John Vereker declared a personal interest as a Director of Rugby BID and as a member of the Overslade Community Committee.

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd May 2007 and Matters Arising
(i) Minutes**

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on the 23rd May 2007 be approved.

(i) Matters Arising

(a) Minute 3(3)(i)(a) – Matters Arising - New Police Authority Structure - Governance Plan 2007-2008

John Vereker confirmed that the Audit Panel held a workshop on the 18 June and significant progress had been made in developing the Risk Register for the Authority.

(b) Minute 5 – Report of the Community Engagement and Consultation Panel

Richard Hobbs reported that he had agreed to cancel the next meeting of the Panel scheduled for the 4th July as the Authority.

2. Capital Outturn 2006/07

The joint report of the Treasurer to the Authority and the Director of Resources was considered.

After discussion, it was Resolved:-

That approval be given to the capital expenditure and financing for 2006/2007, the determinations and the prudential indicators set out in Appendices 4 and 5 of the joint report.

3. Revenue Outturn 2006/07

The joint report of the Treasurer to the Authority and the Director of Resources was considered.

In introducing the report, Dave Clarke stated –

- That the Authority's revenue balances had been bolstered due to the higher short term interest rates which had been achieved.
- The Authority had an underspend of £2.2m for 2006/07.
- The Home Office had now confirmed that the Authority would receive a payment of £675,000 towards the cost of the G6 event held earlier in the year. He added that this was a good settlement and owed much to the support received from Kate Flannery.
- With regard to the Statement of Accounts, he explained the significant difficulties with which he and other officers had been faced in finalising the Statement of Accounts due to the failure of the Government to set new legislation before Parliament regarding pension funds and the introduction of new income and expenditure accounting procedures under the Statement of Required Practice Standard intended to bring public accounts into line with the private sector. The result being that the accounts appeared to indicate to any lay person that the Authority was

grossly overspent which was a completely misleading situation. He added that both of these issues had been taken up at national level and it would be necessary for the Statement of Accounts to be amended once these issues had been resolved.

Steve Nicklin commented that this was a totally unacceptable position and was extremely concerned that the public would be left with the misconception that the Authority had 'lost' £34m in one financial year. He fully supported Dave Clarke's proposal to object to CIPFA and the Home Office.

With regard to the Audit Fees referred to on page 27 of the Statement, John Vereker informed the meeting that this issue had already been considered by the Audit Panel who felt very strongly that they should be challenged. The Panel would be inviting the Audit Commission to attend its next meeting in September to discuss the fees. He added that the Statement of Internal Control had already been reviewed by the Audit Panel at their meeting on the 18th June.

It was then Resolved:-

- (1) That the Revenue Outturn for 2006/2007 be agreed.**
- (2) That the proposals set out in Section 4 of the Joint Report be approved.**
- (3) That the virements set out in Appendix 8 of the Joint Report be noted.**
- (4) That approval be given to the Statement of Accounts 2006/2007 including the Statement of Internal Control and that the Chair be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the Authority.**
- (5) That the Treasurer to the Authority, in consultation with the Chair of the Authority, be authorised to amend the accounts following the publication of the new accounting regulations.**

4. Urgent Business

None.

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Chair of the Authority

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm