

The **POLICE AUTHORITY** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **25 May 2011**

Present:-

Phil Robson (Independent Member) (**Chair**)
John Vereker (County Councillor) (**Vice-Chair**)
Steve Nicklin (Independent Member) (**Vice-Chair**)

Independent Members:-

Mike Edwards, Ian Francis, Bob Malloy, Dorrette McAuslan, Angela O'Boyle and Clive Parsons

County Councillors:-

Chris Davis, Peter Fowler, Carol Fox, Eithne Goode, Bob Hicks, Frank McCarney and Phillip Morris-Jones

Police:-

Chief Constable Keith Bristow, Deputy Chief Constable Andy Parker, Assistant Chief Constable Neil Brunton, Richard Elkin, Chief Supt. Steve Burrows, Chief Supt. Mak Chishty, Paul Mason-Brown, Supt Debra Tedds, Marie Perry, Mandy Crust and Carl Baldacchino.

Police Authority-

Oliver Winters, Neil Gulliver, Dave Clarke, Debbie Mullis, John McPhail and Sioned Harper.

Others:-

Lee Bowers (UNISON) and Simon Payne (Police Federation)

1. Amendment to Procedural Standing Orders

At Eithne Goode's suggestion, it was agreed that any reference to 'Elected Member' should be amended to 'County Councillor'. It was then Resolved:-

That approval be given to the revised Standing Order 3 of the Authority's Procedural Standing Orders as amended above.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chairs

Oliver Winters briefly explained the process which would be adopted for the election of the Chair and Vice Chairs.

(i) Election of Chair

Bob Hicks, seconded by Chris Davis, moved:-

That Ian Francis be elected Chair of the Warwickshire Police Authority in accordance with Standing Order 3.

Mike Edwards, seconded by Steve Nicklin, moved:-

That Phil Robson be so elected.

Following a secret ballot, Phil Robson was duly elected as Chair of Warwickshire Police Authority.

(2) Election of Vice-Chairs

Ian Francis seconded by Peter Fowler moved and it was Resolved:-

That John Vereker be elected Vice-Chair of Warwickshire Police Authority in accordance with Standing Order 3.

Chris Davis seconded by Clive Parsons moved and it was Resolved:-

That Steve Nicklin be elected Vice Chair of Warwickshire Police Authority in accordance with Standing Order 3.

The Chair stated that it had been a very difficult decision to stand for election and recognised that Ian Francis had been an outstanding member of the Authority since 1994. He then moved and it was unanimously Resolved:-

That the Authority place on record their thanks and appreciation of the outstanding work of Ian Francis as Chair of the Police Authority.

Keith Bristow then offered his congratulations to the Chair and Vice-Chairs and thanks Ian Francis for his support and challenges over the past few years.

Ian Francis responded by thanking everyone for their kind words and added that he would continue to work for the Authority and give his full support to the Chair.

3. Chair's Announcements

None.

4. Apologies

An apology was received from Richard Hobbs.

5. Members' Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Eithne Goode declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 21 as a Member of Warwick District Council.

6. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th April 2011 and Matters Arising

(i) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on the 20th April 2011 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

7. **Financial Management Report 2010/11**

Marie Perry and Steve Nicklin presented the report and highlighted the significant savings the Force had achieved during the year which had contributed to the required savings under the 150plus programme and increasing the level of reserves. Keith Bristow added that, whilst he was delighted with the achievements of the Force, the Authority would need to keep in mind the need for the Force to continue to protect people from harm whilst achieving savings and this should be borne in mind when reviewing the Medium Term Financial Plan.

It was then Resolved:-

That approval be given to:-

- 1) the revenue carry forward requests totalling £180,000, outlined in section 1, paragraphs 1.7.2 and 1.8.4 of the report.***
- 2) the carry forward requests totalling £1.973m for the capital programme as set out in section 3 and Appendix D of the report.***
- 3) the recommendations regarding the reserves movements as set out in section 4 and Appendix C of the report.***
- 4) the capital determinations as set out in section 5 of the report.***
- 5) the prudential indicators as set out in Appendix E of the report.***

8. **Report of the Audit Committee**

was noted.

9. **Performance Governance**

After Peter Fowler had introduced the report, several Members who were currently District Leads expressed some concerns about the proposals particularly the fact that they would no longer be responsible for scrutinising local performance. It was agreed that the report should be noted and that further discussions take place in the Policing Communities Governance Stream before any final decisions are made. A report would be brought back to a future meeting of the Authority.

10. **Partnership Landscapes – Partnership Consultation**

Oliver Winters introduced the report and briefly explained the background to the County Council consultation on partnerships.

After discussion it was Resolved:-

- (1) That approval be given to the key high level principles as set out in Appendix B of the report on the basis of a Police Authority response.***
- (2) That the Chief Executive be instructed to finalise the Police Authority response as set out in Appendix C of the report.***

11. **Policing Plan 2011/14**

After introductory comments by Clive Parsons, it was Resolved:-

That approval be given to the Policing Plan 2011/14.

The Chair then thanked Clive Parsons and Bob Malloy for their work on developing the Plan.

12. **Report of the Chief Executive**

Oliver Winters introduced the report and reminded Members that a revised Appendix 1 had been circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that, in future, Members attendance need not be reported to the Authority but would be referred to the Chair.

The report was then noted.

13. **General Report of the Chief Constable**

In presenting the report, Keith Bristow commented on the tremendous effort across the Force to deliver the new Policing Model on the 9th May 2011. The Chair expressed the Authority's gratitude for the way the Force had carried out this work and in particular the leadership of ACC Neil Brunton. It was agreed that the Authority should write to the Force to recognise this achievement.

14. **Urgent Business**

None.

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Police Authority will be on Wednesday 29 June 2011 at 10am

16. **Exclusion of Members of the Public**

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, 4 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

17. **Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 April 2011 and Matters Arising**

Resolved:-

That the exempt minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on 20 April 2011 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

18. **150plus Programme**

After Andy Parker had briefly introduced the report, Richard Elkin explained the voluntary redundancy (VR) process which had been adopted by the Force.

19. **Force Performance**

Keith Bristow presented the report and the dashboard as at 25 May 2011 which had been circulated at the meeting and commented on a number of issues in the report.

20. **Operational Update**

The Chief Constable's report was noted.

21. **Proposed Sale of Kenilworth Police Station**

The Authority agreed to the arrangements for the sale of the Police Station.

22. **Urgent Exempt Business**

None.

At this juncture, all Members and Officers of the County Council left the meeting.

23. **Operation Westbere**

The report by the Deputy Chief Constable was noted.

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Chair of the Authority

Meeting closed at 12.20pm.