

The **POLICE AUTHORITY** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK**, on **15 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present:-

Ian Francis (Independent Member) (**Chair**)
Phil Robson (Independent Member) (**Vice Chair**)
John Vereker (County Councillor) (**Vice Chair**)

Independent Members:-

Mike Edwards, Bob Malloy, Dorrette McAuslan, Steve Nicklin, 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 Bill Holland, T/Assistant Chief Constable Neil Brunton, Richard Elkin, Paul Mason-Brown, T/Det Supt Noel McMEnamin, Junaid Gharda, Carl Baldacchino and Melissa Ivey

Police Authority:-

Oliver Winters, Neil Gulliver, John Betts, Sian Stroud and Debbie Mullis

Others:-

Simon Payne (Police Federation) and Vaughn Jones and John Davies (UNISON),

1. Chair's Announcements

None.

2. Apologies

Were received from Richard Hobbs and Dave Clarke.

3. Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28 July 2010 and Matters Arising

(i) Minutes

Eithne Goode pointed out that under Minute 5 – Appendix 5, the Absence Management Group should read "Attendance Management Group".

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on the 28 July 2010 as amended be approved.

There were no matters arising.

5. Treasury Management

- (1) Outturn Report 2009/10**
- (2) Monitoring Report 2010/11**

After a brief introduction by John Betts, it was agreed that both reports should be noted.

6. Protective Services, Standards and Planning – Report by Governance Stream Lead

Phil Robson introduced the report and drew Members' attention to the key issues for protective services. He then invited the Lead Members in the Governance Stream to present the following reports:-

Appendix 1 – Report on Protecting Vulnerable People

After Angela O'Boyle had introduced the report and highlighted the work currently ongoing to protect vulnerable adults, Dorrette McAuslan questioned whether the continued protection of these adults would be affected by the 150plus programme. The Chair and Keith Bristow both pointed out that it was too soon to speculate on this question but every effort would be made to maintain the current level of protection.

Appendix 2 – Protective Services Section of Authority Website

Resolved:-

That the Authority support the proposal to put the report on the Police Authority website.

Appendix 3 – Report on Safeguarding Children

was noted.

Appendix 4 – Report of the Professional Standards Committee

Mike Edwards introduced the report and referred in particular to the work being done to track trends in the complaints being dealt with. The Force were particularly keen to tackle incivility and rudeness by officers through the training process.

Appendix 5 – Report of the Lead Member for Member Development

Dorrette McAuslan presented the report and reminded Members that the regional training on human rights had been postponed to a new date to be agreed in the new year. However, a training session for Members on finance had been organised which would be led by Marie Perry and Oliver Winters.

Dorrette McAuslan then thanked Debbie Mullis for the tremendous work she had done on the training programme.

Appendix 6 – Road Safety Strategy Update

After Bill Holland had introduced the report, Phillip Morris-Jones questioned whether the Special Constabulary could continue to be used to support operations under the roads policing strategy. Bill Holland replied that they had provided significant support with the recent operations in Alcester and Rugby and would continue to be used whenever practicable.

In response to a question by Carol Fox, Bill Holland stated that Community Speed Watch was relatively new in Warwickshire and was being developed. He would be happy to talk to her in further detail after the meeting.

With regard to the continued use of speed cameras in Warwickshire, he was not aware of any proposals at this stage to turn them off and the Force believe that they still provide an effective deterrent.

Appendix 7 – Regional Strategic Policing Policy Group Meeting

This item was noted.

7. Police Authority Communications Strategy

Clive Parsons pointed out that the strategy was the first part of the process and a further paper would be brought to a future meeting of the Authority setting out how the Authority communicates with various groups and partners.

It was then Resolved:-

That approval be given to the Police Authority Communications Strategy.

Clive Parsons then informed the Authority that the Annual Report for 2009/10 had been finalised and signed off by the Chair.

Consideration was also being given to publishing both the Policing Plan and the 2010/11 Annual Report in June 2010 rather than at separate times.

8. General Report of the Chief Constable

In presenting his report Keith Bristow added that, following a recent recruitment campaign which resulted in over 400 online enquiries, 40 new special constables had been recruited and it was hoped to recruit a further 40 at a later date.

With regard to the Protective Services Minimum Standards, he stressed the need to get the balance right between the Force being visible to the public and the work that is less visible to the public but equally significant.

9. Reports of the Chief Executive

(1) Rugby Local Management Board – Memorandum of Understanding

Resolved:-

That, in its capacity as Landlord for the existing Police and Courts building complex at Rugby, the Police Authority notes the Memorandum of Understanding and agrees

the content prior to it being submitted to the Justice Centre Strategic Board for approval on 25th September 2010.

(2) Policing in the 21st Century – Consultation Paper

After Oliver Winters had introduced this item, a general discussion ensued during which Members raised the following issues:

- The Proposed election of the Police and Crime Commissioner will be taking place shortly before the 2012 Olympics.
- Need for local representation at the Police and Crime Panels.
- Lack of transition arrangements.
- Suggested formation of new Coventry and Warwickshire Force. The Chair emphasised that it was felt appropriate to raise this issue at this time and the Authority should bear in mind the effect of criminal markets across the border.

It was then Resolved:-

That approval be given to the proposed response to the consultation paper as amended above 'Policing in the 21st Century' for submission to the Home Office.

Having agreed the response, the Chair stated that it would be sent direct to the Home Office, with a copy minus the final two sections sent to the APA. He understood that this approach had been adopted by most other Authorities. The draft Bill was expected in October 2010 but this may be put back.

10. Governance Framework and Governance Plan

Oliver Winters introduced the report and asked that the following accountabilities be inserted under Vice Chair (B) on page 6 of the Governance Framework:

- Lead Elected member on the Resources Assurance Group.

Mike Edwards suggested that the Standards Committee should meet at least once a year and that it should be set on the same day as the Professional Standards Committee as there was some duplication of membership. This suggestion was accepted.

With regard to the Governance Plan, Phil Robson asked that, under the Governance Objective for the Protective Services, Standards and Planning Stream, item 4.2d should read 'Roads Policing Strategy'.

It was then Resolved:-

- 1) That the governance role update as set out in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.***
- 2) That approval be given to the Governance Framework and the Governance Plan as amended above and set out in Appendices B and D respectively.***

11. Report of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee

was noted.

12. Urgent Business

The Chair reported that although the PURE scores had now been dropped, the Audit Commission had stated had they still been in place, the Authority's score would have increased from a 3 to a 4 (being the highest score possible) which was a tremendous achievement. Furthermore the Authority would have been put forward as an example of good practice. This was a great credit to the officers and the Audit Committee.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Police Authority will be on Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 9.30am.

14. 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.

15. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 July 2010 and Matters Arising

Resolved:-

That the exempt minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on 28 July 2010 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

16. Serious Organised Crime

The Authority received an excellent presentation by T/Detective Superintendent Noel McMenamin on how the Force deals with serious organised crime.

17. Exempt Report of the Protective Services, Standards and Planning Governance Stream Lead

The report together with the various appendices was noted.

18. 150 plus Programme Report

The Authority received a report by Andy Parker on a range of issues relating to the development and progress of the 150plus programme.

19. Force Performance

Keith Bristow presented his report together with the current dashboard circulated at the meeting. In doing so he commented that there were still some areas for concern particularly in relation to the number of people killed or seriously injured on Warwickshire roads.

20. Operational Updates

It was agreed to note the Chief Constable's report.

Bob Hicks passed on the appreciation and gratitude for the way the Force policed the parade in Nuneaton to mark the granting of the Freedom of Entry to the Borough to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and dealt with an incident involving local residents and members of the English Defence League.

Bill Holland thanked him for his comments and confirmed similar arrangements would be in place for the parade by the Queens Ghurka Signals on 26 September.

21. Sale of Residential Property

The Authority agreed to the sale of the residential property.

22. Operation Westbere

Was noted.

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Chair of the Authority

Meeting closed at 1.00pm