

The **POLICE AUTHORITY** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK**, on **17 DECEMBER 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 and Phillip Morris-Jones

Police:-

Chief Constable Keith Bristow, Deputy Chief Constable Andy Parker, Assistant Chief Constable Bill Holland, Assistant Chief Constable Neil Brunton, Richard Elkin, Chief Supt Mak Chishty, Chief Supt Steve Burrows, Supt Christine Rushton-Wadsworth, Wayne Parkes, Paul Mason-Brown, Carl Baldacchino, Paul Anderson. Det.Chief Supt Noel McMenamin and Det Chief Inspector Steve Quinn attended for Agenda items 2 and 15 respectively.

Police Authority:-

Oliver Winters, Neil Gulliver, Debbie Mullis and John Galbraith.

Others:-

Det. Supt. Dave Walker and Det. Insp. Glen Robson (West Midlands Police) attended for Agenda item 2.

1. 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 paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Operation Viper

Members received a presentation by Dave Walker and Glen Robson on the progress of Operation Viper involving the Forces in the region and in particular highlighting the very successful work which had been undertaken to date and the need for continued resources to allow its further development.

3. Chair's Announcements

None.

4. Apologies

Were received from Richard Hobbs, Frank McCarney and Simon Payne (Police Federation).

5. Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

6. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17 November 2010 and Matters Arising

Under Appendix 3 of Minute 5, Phillip Morris Jones stated that the wording used to report his comments was not completely accurate. He actually asked if stop and search could be used in a less obvious way. It was agreed to amend the minutes accordingly.

It was then resolved:-

That the minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on the 17 November 2010 as amended be approved.

There were no matters arising.

7. 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 presented the report and highlighted a number of areas of good work, Bill Holland reported that the proposal to establish a Sexual Assault Referral Centre for Coventry and Warwickshire was progressing well with Det. Insp. Mumford acting as Project Manager. It was hoped that the Centre would become operative from April 2011 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Carol Fox expressed her concern about a local issue involving vulnerable adults who were unable to get the response from the police they required. Keith Bristow replied that this may have been a communications issue but agreed to look into it further.

Appendix 2 – Report of the Safeguarding Children Lead

was noted.

Appendix 3 – Report of the Professional Standards Committee

In presenting the report, Mike Edwards expressed his concern about the increased level of complaints but stressed that a great deal of work was being put in to understand the reasons for the increase.

Appendix 4 – Report of the Lead Member for Member Development

After Debbie Mullis had introduced the report, the Chair commented on the improved attendance by Members at training events and also thanked Debbie for excellent support work in this area. In response to a question by Phillip Morris-Jones, it was agreed to look

into closer working with other agencies such as the County Council to avoid duplication and reduce costs.

Appendix 5 – Overview of Protective Services 2010

Neil Brunton introduced the report and explained in particular how the Force dealt with High Harm Road Users. He agreed that the Force could do more to promote this issue through the Community Forums.

8. Report of the Audit Committee

Was noted.

9. General Report of the Chief Constable

In addition to the items referred to in his report, Keith Bristow reported that 31 out of 32 officers who had sat the Sergeants' examination had been successful and 2 further officers had been selected for the National High Potential Development Scheme. Mak Chishty would be attending the Strategic Command Course in the New Year and his duties would be covered by Acting Chief Supt. Graeme Pallister.

10. Urgent Business

On behalf of the Authority, the Chair congratulated Neil Brunton on his appointment as the Force's substantive Assistant Chief Constable.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Police Authority will be on Wednesday 19 January 2011 at 9.30am.

12. 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.

13. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2010 and Matters Arising

Resolved:-

That the exempt minutes of the Police Authority's meeting held on 17 November 2010 be approved.

There were no matters arising.

14. Collaboration

Having considered a report by Oliver Winters, the Authority gave their approval to a number of recommendations on a way forward on possible collaboration arrangements with West Mercia.

15. Pro-Active and Specialist Investigations

The Authority received a presentation by Steve Quinn on the work which has been ongoing to improve the conversion rate of DNA and fingerprint identifications into detections across all crime types.

16. 150 Plus Programme

After Andy Parker had introduced the report, it was agreed that it should be noted.

17. Estates Strategy

After Richard Elkin and Wayne Parkes had presented the report and highlighted the key issues the Authority gave their approval to a number of recommendations contained in the report .

18. Force Performance

Keith Bristow commented on the latest performance dashboard and also commented on a number of related issues.

19. Operational Update

Was noted.

Before dealing with Agenda Item 20, the Chair reminded the meeting that this would be the last Police Authority attended by Bill Holland before his retirement on the 7th January 2011. He presented Bill Holland with a gift on behalf of the Authority and paid tribute to his tremendous work and enthusiasm in helping Warwickshire Police to be such a successful Force.

20. Operation Westbere

Was noted.

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Chair of the Authority

Meeting closed at 1.15pm