

The **POLICE AUTHORITY** met at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK**, on **28 JULY 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, Richard Hobbs, Frank McCarney and Phillip Morris-Jones

Police:-

Chief Constable Keith Bristow, Deputy Chief Constable Andy Parker, Assistant Chief Constable Bill Holland, Richard Elkin, Chief Supt Steve Burrows, Supt Chris Ward, Wayne Parkes, Marie Perry, Carl Baldacchino and Melissa Ivey

Police Authority:-

Oliver Winters, Neil Gulliver, John Betts, Sian Stroud, Dave Stenning and John McPhail

Others:-

Simon Payne and Sue Biddle (Police Federation) and Lee Bowers and Vaughn Jones (UNISON),

1. Chair's Announcements

None.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

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

(i) Minutes

It was noted that Peter Fowler's apologies had not been recorded. It was then Resolved:-

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

There were no matters arising.

5. Resources – Report of the Governance Stream

Steve Nicklin introduced the report and briefly highlighted the key issues in the report.

Appendices 1- 4

were noted.

Appendix 5

After Eithne Goode had introduced her report and drawn Members' attention to a number of issues, a discussion ensued around the management of sickness absence within the Force. Richard Elkin assured the Authority that this was now being well managed by the Absence Management Group since its inception in April this year.

Appendix 6

was noted.

6. Financial Management Report 2010

After Marie Perry had highlighted the key issues in the report and responded to Members' questions, it was Resolved:-

That:-

- 1) *the forecast outturn for 2010/11 be noted;*
- 2) *the forecast reserve position be noted;*
- 3) *approval be given to the use of specific reserved set out in the Medium Term Financial Planning Strategy (MTFPS) as set out in section 3 of the report;*
- 4) *approval be given to the revised capital budget for 2010/11 as set out in section 4 of the report.*

7. Governance Framework

Oliver Winters introduced the report and asked Members to address the five questions referred to in the report:-

- 1) **Should the Police Authority merge the Audit Committee and the Standards Committee?**
- 2) **Should a merged Audit and Standards Committee be chaired by an individual who is independent to the Police Authority?**

After Oliver Winters had explained the aims of this proposal, several Members expressed the view that the current structure should be retained and that it was important that the Chair of the Audit Committee should be from within the membership of the Authority.

The Authority agreed that the Audit and Standards Committees should remain as separate committees of the Authority.

- 3) **Are the governance accountabilities set out appropriate for the role of Lead for Assets?**

The Authority agreed the governance accountabilities.

- 4) **Should the role of the Lead for Publications and use of Information be expanded to include the identity of visibility of the Police Authority?**

Agreed.

- 5) **Should the Authority trial a new lead role for performance governance under the Local Policing stream?**

The Authority agreed to trial this new role.

Resolved:-

That the Chief Executive be instructed to amend the Governance Framework as agreed above and to submit it to the Authority's September 2010 meeting for approval.

ACTION

Oliver Winters and Neil Gulliver to produce a revised Governance Framework in the light of the Authority's decision and incorporating those changes in Appendix 2 for consideration at the Authority's September 2010 meeting.

8. Human Rights Policy

Resolved:-

That the Authority's Human Rights Policy be adopted.

9. Regional Collaboration

The report by the Chair of the Authority was noted.

10. Public Confidence

After a brief discussion, it was Resolved:-

That the recommendations set out in the report be endorsed.

11. NO ITEM

12. Chief Constable's General Report

In presenting his report, Keith Bristow commented on the positive feedback the Force had received around the policing of the recent Game Fair at Ragley Hall. He also drew Members' attention to paragraph 3.2.2 which demonstrated the lowest crime figures in Warwickshire for ten years.

Keith Bristow then went on to present the performance dashboard which had been circulated at the meeting. In general the Force was performing well with two major concerns being around death and serious injury arising from road traffic collisions and violence. The Force were doing all they could to reduce the numbers including the recent launch of the new road safety strategy but responsibility rested with motorists to drive more responsibly. With regard to violence, there were particular challenges in Warwick District which were currently

being addressed. Chris Davis commented that there appeared to be an influx of people into Leamington Spa from surrounding areas at weekends which may have an impact on the problem.

13. Urgent Business

Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting Police and the People

The Chair referred to the consultation document published by the Home Office on 26 July and asked that if any Member wished to, would they forward their comments to Oliver Winters. Equally they could respond direct to the Home Office.

ACTION

Oliver Winters to collate the Authority's response to the Home Office consultation document and to ensure all Members have sight of final submission.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Police Authority will be on Wednesday 15 September 2010 at 10am.

15. 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.

16. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28 June 2010 and Matters Arising

Resolved:-

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

There were no matters arising.

The Police Federation representatives left the room for Agenda item 17.

17. Requests for Financial Assistance for Officers Involved in Legal Proceedings

The Authority considered a detailed report relating to two requests for financial assistance by Police Officers and approved actions in relation to each case.

17A. 150 Plus Programme

The Authority received a report by Andy Parker and a statement by Phil Robson in relation to a number of issues around the 150Plus Programme.

18. Force Performance

The Chief Constable's report was noted.

19. Major Public Events in Warwickshire during July and August 2010

Bill Holland introduced the report and gave Members a brief insight into the issues for the Force at major public events taking place in the county.

20. Operational Update

was noted.

21. Operation Westbere

was noted.

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Chair of the Authority

Meeting closed at 12.50 pm