

The **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE** met at **Police Headquarters, Leek Wootton** on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Present:-**

**Independent Members:-** Mike Edwards (**Chair**), Dorrette McAuslan and Phil Robson (Steam Lead)

**County Councillors:-** Eithne Goode and Phillip Morris-Jones

**Police: -** DCC Andy Parker and Alex Franklin-Smith

**Police Authority: -** Neil Gulliver and Debbie Mullis

## **1. General**

### **(1) Apologies**

Were received from Len Jackson (IPCC) and Mick Hayward.

### **(2) Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

None.

### **(3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 July 2010 and Matters Arising**

#### **(i) Minutes**

***That the minutes of the meeting of the Professional Standards Committee held on 22 July 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair.***

#### **(ii) Matters Arising**

##### **Minute 2 – IPCC – Learning the Lessons – Bulletin 10**

Alex Franklin-Smith re-affirmed that the bulletins were widely circulated through the Force via the intranet and the Professional Standards Department encouraged all officers to respond with their views and/or ideas on how the Force might improve its own policies in the light of the cases highlighted in the bulletin.

## **2. Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) – Learning the Lessons – Bulletin 11**

Alex Franklin-Smith introduced the bulletin and pointed out that it had only recently been received and had been circulated across the Force. He added that the Force were satisfied that they had robust and effective policies and procedures in place to deal with domestic abuse. In response to a question by Phillip Morris-Jones, he confirmed that the bulletin was made available to the Custody Visitors via Judicial Services.

## **3. Any Other Items**

None.

**4. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 26 January 2011 at 2pm in Conference Room 2 at Police Headquarters. Dip-sampling would be carried out prior to the meeting at 12 noon.

**5. Reports containing Exempt Information**

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

**6. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27 October 2010 and Matters Arising**

**(1) Minutes**

It was Resolved:-

*That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Professional Standards Committee held on the 27 October 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair.*

**(2) Matters Arising**

**Minute 8 – Complaints Against the Police**

Discussion ensued on the administration of associated documents.

**Miscon 27/08**

Update on this case was noted.

**7. Use of Force**

The Chief Constable's report was noted.

**8. Local Resolution**

Alex Franklin-Smith presented the importance of local resolution to the Committee.

**9. Complaints Against the Police**

Files had been dip-sampled and all reports noted.

**Appendix 1**

This appendix was noted.

**Appendix 2 (a)**

This appendix was noted.

**Appendix 2 (b) to Appendix 8**

were noted.

**10. Anti-Corruption Unit**

Alex Franklin-Smith gave a brief update on the work of the unit.

**11. Complaints Covered by The Police Authorities (Particular Functions and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2010**

Debbie Mullis introduced the report and re-affirmed the need for Direction and Control complaints to be monitored.

**12. Professional Standards Department Protection Plan 2010/11 – Action Plan**

Alex Franklin-Smith gave an update on the Action Plan and responded to Members' questions.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm.

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Chair of the Committee