

The **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE** met at the **LDC** on **Wednesday 27th January 2010 at 2pm.**

Present:-

Independent Members:- Mike Edwards (**Chair**), Dorrette McAuslan

County Councillors:- Eithne Goode and Phillip Morris-Jones

Police: - DCC Andy Parker and Mick Hayward

Police Authority: - Debbie Mullis and Katie Baker

IPCC:- Len Jackson

1. General

(1) Apologies

None.

(2) Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th November 2009 and Matters Arising (i) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Professional Standards Committee held on the 5th November 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair.

(ii) Matters Arising

Additional Item 1 and 2

Mick Hayward reported back to the Committee with an update on the two members of the public who had attended the last Committee Meeting in January.

2. Policing White Paper – Protecting the Public

(1) Letter from the Home Office

(2) Exert from the Report

As part of the Consultation Process, Mike Edwards and Mick Hayward had met to produce some initial feedback. Len Jackson reported to the Committee that the IPCC were looking to further streamline the system whereby those complaints where no individual misconduct arose could still be acknowledged with an improvement to the process.

Officers behaviour and attitudes when dealing with complaints were discussed at length and it was agreed that training was needed during the recruitment process.

3. Dip Sampling

The Dip Sampling of Completed Complaints Files Policy and Procedure was reissued to Members.

In order to speed up the process, officers would be emailed directly with notification that a complaint had been received about them and that it would be investigated. Officers would then acknowledge receipt of this notification by reply.

4. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 28th April at 2pm in Conference Room 2, Police HQ, Leek Wootton.

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, 3, 4 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th November 2009 and Matters Arising

(1) Minutes

It was then Resolved:-

That the exempt minutes of the meetings of the Professional Standards Committee held on the 5th November 2009 as amended be approved and signed by the Chair.

(2) Matters Arising

Minute 8 – Near Misses in Custody : April 08 to March 09

Mick Hayward confirmed that HMIC and HMP had jointly inspected all three custody suites and the final report was due to be published in March 2010.

8. Complaints Against the Police

The Committee considered the report by the Chief Constable in detail and highlighted issues relating to a number of items included in the report.

9. Report on the Outcome of Police Complaints Survey – January 2010

Mick Hayward stated that this survey was specifically targeted at people who had made a complaint and how they felt that they had been dealt with by Warwickshire Police.

10. Independent Police Complaints Commission

Len Jackson gave an update on the current initiative that the IPCC were developing.

11. Professional Standards Department Protection Plan 2009/11 – Action Plan

Mick Hayward to report back to the next Committee Meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm

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Chair of the Committee