

The **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE** met at **LEEK WOOTTON** on the **28th JANUARY 2009**.

Present:-

Independent Members:- Mike Edwards (**Chair**) and Phil Robson (Stream Lead)

County Councillors:- Eithne Goode and Phillip Morris-Jones

Police: - Andy Parker and Mick Hayward.

Police Authority: - Sue Howl and Neil Gulliver

1. General
(1) Apologies

An apology was received from Dorrette McAuslan.

(2) Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th October 2008 and Matters Arising
(i) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Professional Standards Committee held on the 30th October 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair.

(i) Matters Arising

(a) Minute 2(3) – Police Custody as a “Safe Place : Examining the Use of Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

In response to comments by Phillip Morris-Jones, Andy Parker confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Primary Care Trust regarding the attendance of doctors at custody suites. To date no reply had been received.

(b) Minute 2(4) – Police Misconduct and Unsatisfactory Performance Procedures

Mick Hayward confirmed that the new procedures had been introduced on the 1st January 2009 but it had not been possible to measure the impact.

2. Independent Police Complaints Commission

There were no issues to be considered under this heading.

3. Any Other Items

None.

4. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 29 April 2009 at 2pm.

[It has also been agreed that July 2009 meeting shall be put back to Monday 27 July 2009].

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 30th October 2008 and Matters Arising

(1) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the exempt minutes of the meetings of the Professional Standards Committee held on the 30th October 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair.

(2) Matters Arising

Minute 7(1) – Learning the Lessons – ANPR Update

Mick Hayward confirmed that work was still ongoing around this issue.

7. Home Office Police Annual Claims Report – July to September 2008

Mick Hayward explained that the aim of the Report and together with Andy Parker, gave more details relating to individual claims.

8. PSD Strategic Assessment

The document, having been circulated at the meeting, was considered and noted by the Committee.

9. PSD Protection Plan and Action Plan

The document, having been circulated at the meeting, was considered and noted by the Committee.

10. Complaints Against the Force

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

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm

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Chair of the Committee