

The **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE** met at **Leek Wootton** on **20 October 2011**

Present:-

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

County Councillors:- Phillip Morris-Jones, Eithne Goode

Police: - Mick Hayward

Police Authority: - Katie Baker and Debbie Mullis

In Attendance: - Angela O'Boyle

Present:- Rachel Cerfontyne (IPCC)

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Deputy Chief Constable Andy Parker

(2) Declaration of Members' Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July 2011 and Matters Arising

(i) Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting of the Professional Standards Committee held on 18 July 2011 be approved and signed by the Chair.

(ii) Matters Arising

Mick Hayward gave an update which is detailed under Agenda Item 7 Matters Arising of the exempt minutes.

2. (1) IPCC - Learning the Lessons – Bulletin 14

This bulletin focussed on the use of force by the police in a variety of situations and highlighted possible areas where the training of officers was paramount.

The acronym GOWISELY was used by officers carrying out Stop and Searches within Warwickshire but some areas were showing disproportionality. An audit of Stop and Search had been completed and the findings would be reported to the next Equality and Diversity Panel meeting in November.

(2) Police Complaints Information Bulletin – June 2011

Mick Hayward confirmed that the length of time taken to finalise allegations had increased significantly from the same period last year. It was acknowledged that the

introduction of the new policing model had contributed to this delay and also one or two cases which had impacted the average figure.

Information had been sent to all managers highlighting the need for them to manage all complaint investigations effectively.

Local Resolutions had declined further and it was noted that The Police and Social Responsibility Bill may contain changes regarding the way in which certain complaints can be dealt with.

3. HMIC Police Integrity Review

This item is covered in Agenda Item 9.

4. Any Other Items

None.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 2pm on **25 January 2012 in CR2 at Leek Wootton**. Dip-sampling will take place prior to this meeting at 12.30pm in CR2.

6. 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.

7. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th July 2011 and Matters Arising

(1) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Professional Standards Committee held on the 18th July 2011 be approved and signed by the Chair.

(2) Matters Arising

Minute 2 – IPCC Learning the Lessons

Mick Hayward updated the Committee about a number of issues which had arisen at their last meeting relating to items including in the latest IPCC Learning the Lessons publication.

8. Dip Sampling

A selection of files were dip sampled by the Committee at random and a number of issues were identified.

9. Complaints Against the Police

Mick Hayward took Members through the Report of the Professional Standards Department highlighting the current position with regard to complaints against the Force.

10. Force Hospitality Register

The Chair confirmed that he had seen the Gift and Hospitality Register.

Meeting closed at 3.40pm.

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Chair of the Committee