

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Police Authority Annual General Meeting held at Leicestershire Police Headquarters, Enderby at 12.00 noon on Thursday 27 August 2009

Present

Mr D Bill, Mr P Brown, Dr S Chowdhury, Mr U Dholakia, Mr B Greaves, Dr S Hill, Mrs W Martin, Mr W Naylor, Mrs D Newton, Mr J Orson, Mr D Prince, Mr T Render, Mr B Rhodes, Mrs A Roberts, Mr B Roper, Mr D Snartt and Mr M Sood.

Officers

Mr R Swinfield (Chief Executive), Mrs A Perry, (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr C Smith (Treasurer), Mrs S Hoare, (Engagement and Communications Officer), Mr S Fraser, (Performance Analyst) and Mrs L Salmon, (Members Services Officer).

Representatives from the Constabulary

Mr M Baggott, (Chief Constable).

67/09. Election of Chairman

As indicated on the agenda it was proposed by Mrs Newton and Mr Orson and seconded by Mr Dholakia and Mr Snartt that Mr Rhodes be elected to the position of Chairman of the Police Authority. There being no further nominations the Chief Executive declared that Mr B Rhodes be duly appointed Chairman of the Police Authority for the forthcoming year.

Mr B Rhodes – in the Chair

Mr Rhodes thanked colleagues for their support.

68/07. Election of Vice-Chairman

As indicated on the agenda it was proposed by Mrs Newton and seconded by Mr Dholakia that Mr B Roper be appointed to the position of Vice-Chairman of the Police Authority. There being no further nominations the Chief Executive declared that Mr B Roper be duly appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Police Authority for the forthcoming year.

Mr Roper thanked colleagues for their support.

69/09. Apologies

There were no apologies.

70/09. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

71/09. Declarations of Code of Conduct Interests

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of any Code of Conduct interests in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

No such declarations were made.

72/09. Minutes of the Police Authority Meeting held 30 June 2009

The minutes of the Police Authority Meeting held on 30 June 2009, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.

73/09. Amendments to Committee Structure, Members' Appointments and Election of Chairman of Committees

The Authority considered a report of the Chief Executive proposing an amendment to the committee structure, the allocation of members to the Authority's committees, panels and lead roles, the allocation of members to outside bodies and the appointment of the committee chairmen. A copy of the report marked 'A' is filed with the minutes.

The Authority RESOLVED to:-

- (a) approve that Contact Management Panel be removed from the Committee structure and that the Performance Panel oversee this area of work with its terms of reference being amended to include the words 'oversee call handling performance';
- (b) increase the membership of the Remuneration Committee to six members;
- (c) approve the appointment of members to Committees, Panels and lead roles as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, together with members appointments to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships;
- (d) approve that Mrs Newton be appointed as lead member for PREVENT and Mrs Roberts be appointed as the lead member for 'Confidence';
- (e) approve that Dr Chowdhury be the nominated member to answer questions at Leicester City Council;
- (f) agree the allocation of members to Basic Command Units, Local Policing Units and City Joint Action Groups and the new terms of reference relation to LPU activity contained in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (g) agree that Mrs Martin be the convenor for meetings of the City BCU members meeting with the Area Commander;
- (h) with the amendment that the Chair of the Publications Panel be the nominated person to sit on the Force Strategic Communications Board, approve the other appointments as outlined in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (i) approve that Mrs Newton as Chair of the Human Resources Committee be the appointed person to sit on the Force Training Priorities Panel;
- (j) approve that the lead member for Estates and the Environment also sit on the Force Strategic Infrastructure Programme Board;

(k) approve that Mrs Newton and Mr Render be the nominated members to substitute for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at meetings of the East Midlands Joint Committee and Collaboration Board;

(l) approve the following Chairman of the Authority's Committees:-

Audit Committee	Mr Prince	Proposed by Mrs Martin. Seconded by Mrs Roberts.
Consultation and Communications Committee	Mr Roper	Proposed by Mr Rhodes. Seconded by Mr Dholakia.
Finance and General Purposes Committee	Mr Rhodes	Proposed by Mr Roper. Seconded by Mr Greaves.
Human Resources Committee	Mrs Newton	Proposed by Mrs Martin. Seconded by Mrs Roberts
Professional Standards Committee	Mr Brown	Proposed by Mr Prince. Seconded by Mr Dholakia.

74/09. Chief Constable Recruitment

The Authority received a report of the Chief Executive dealing with the recruitment process for Leicestershire's Chief Constable. A copy of the report marked 'B' is filed with the minutes.

The Chief Executive stated that the Chief Constable would commence with Police Service Northern Ireland on 21 September 2009. He added that the current Deputy Chief Constable would be temporary Chief Constable from that date however other temporary appointments would require Ministerial approval. The Chief Executive informed members that he had delegated powers, in consultation with the Chairman, to make temporary ACPO appointments and that members would be informed when such appointments had been made.

The Authority RESOLVED:-

- (a) to note the current Chief Constable's appointment as the Chief Constable of Police Service Northern Ireland;
- (b) to note that consequential acting up arrangements would be put into place, and
- (c) that in addition to those members outlined in paragraph 6 of the report, Mr Bill, Dr Hill, Mr Naylor and Mr Sood, be included in the pool of members from which 7 members would be drawn to form the Appointments Committee for the recruitment of a new Chief Constable.

75/09. Police Authority Inspection Update

The Authority received an oral report from the Chief Executive updating members on the latest developments regarding the Police Authority Inspection which would take place week commencing 7 September 2009.

The Chief Executive stated that the 'Scene Setting' meeting had taken place on Friday 21 August 2009 and the next stage would now be the fieldwork which would take place week commencing 7 September. He added that members had been supplied with a draft timetable for that week and that further documentation would be supplied to members nearer the time.

The Authority RESOLVED to note the contents of the oral report.

The Chairman informed members that this would be the last Police Authority meeting for the Chief Constable. He stated that in his seven years in Leicestershire Mr Baggott had been an outstanding Chief Constable and under his leadership the performance of the Force had improved considerably. The Chairman thanked the Chief Constable for all that he had done for Leicestershire and wished him every success in his new role.

In response, Mr Baggott made reference to the depth of Police Authority involvement in the Force and the 'team' approach that had been achieved with the Authority and Force working together. Mr Baggott thanked members for their support and friendship and wished the Authority and Force well in the challenging times ahead.

CHAIRMAN

12.00 p.m. – 12.39 p.m.

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