

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee Meeting held at Police Headquarters, Enderby on Thursday 15 July 2010

Present

Mr P Brown, Dr S Chowdhury, Mr J Orson and Mr D Prince.

Officers

Mr R Swinfield (Chief Executive) and Mrs A Perry (Deputy Chief Executive).

Representatives from the Constabulary

Mr G Fraser, (T/Deputy Chief Constable) and Supt. J Ball (Head of Professional Standards).

Mr P Brown – in the Chair

22/10. Apologies

There were no apologies.

23/10. Items of Urgent Business

The Chief Executive stated there was one item of urgent business concerning a complaint received about an ACPO officer which had been received since the publication of the agenda for the meeting. An exempt item report on this issue was tabled. The Chairman agreed to take the report as item 6 on the agenda. Pursuant to section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Chairman agreed that the matter was urgent because the complaint needed to be dealt with in a timely manner.

24/10. 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.

25/10. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 May 2010

The minutes of the Professional Standards Committee meeting held on 27 May 2010, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.

26/10. Exclusion of the Public and Press

It was RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds specified below.

27/10. Complaint Against ACPO Officers

(Exempt by virtue of para 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 – information relating to an individual).

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive providing details of a complaint made by Mrs L. A copy of the report marked 'A' is filed with the minutes.

The Committee RESOLVED to:-

- (i) record the complaint against the ACPO officers as indicated in paragraph 20 of the report;
- (ii) appoint an external Chief Constable to investigate the entire complaint; and
- (iii) inform Mrs L that the matter will be passed to an external Chief Constable to investigate and report on his/her findings.

28/10. Urgent Item – Complaint Against ACPO Officer

(Exempt by virtue of para 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 – information relating to an individual).

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive providing details of a complaint made by Mr A. A report was tabled at the meeting and members took time to read the tabled report. A copy of the report marked 'Urgent Item' is filed with the minutes.

It was RESOLVED:-

- (a) to record the allegation against the ACPO officer as a personal conduct complaint;
- (b) that the Chief Constable, Simon Cole, seek to resolve the complaint by way of local resolution; and
- (c) if local resolution is not acceptable to the complainant, to delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to take the necessary steps to resolve the matter.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Prince provided feedback to members on his attendance at the ACPO Professional Standards Conference. It was agreed that a workshop for members of the Committee, with T/DCC Gordon Fraser and Supt Ball, take place either later in the year or sometime in the coming new year, to address the issues raised.

CHAIRMAN

9.00 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.

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