



CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY **A(1)**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007 IN CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD

Present: R Hodson, Chairman
J P Findlow
R Giltrap
T Savage
P J Walker

Authority Officers:
M Sellwood, Chief Executive
L Lunn, Treasurer
M Eaton, Member Services Manager
W Bebbington, Assistant Treasurer
J Dean, Internal Audit

Constabulary Officers:
B Simmons, Assistant Chief Officer
A Rainford, Head of Finance & Procurement

Also present: G Parry, External Audit, Audit Commission

Apologies: D Cargill, G A Cousins, E Lam and P Nurse

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

2. STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL 2006/07

The Treasurer reported that the Authority was required to annually review its internal control framework and to publish the findings in a Statement on Internal Control (SIC).

The Assistant Treasurer reported on the various stages in the process of developing the SIC. The findings from the reviews undertaken had identified that four areas were considered 'significant' and included in the SIC – public satisfaction; sickness levels; review of policing; and major contracts.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report on the development of the Statement on Internal Control be noted; and

- (2) the Statement on Internal Control 2006/07, subject to any amendments resulting from the external audit of the accounts, be approved.

3 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2006/07

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts for 2006/07 and outlined the statutory timetable for their publication under the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003.

At a workshop preceding the meeting, Members received a presentation on the statement of accounts, with some of the key issues and the purpose of the recent changes in accounting standards explained. Members scrutinised the statement of accounts and discussed the financial position of the Authority.

RESOLVED:

That the Statement of Accounts for 2006/07, including the details of the police pension scheme and pension holding account, be approved, subject to the pension schedule being approved by Parliament.

4. POLICE USE OF RESOURCES: IMPROVEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION 2005/06 AND AUDIT COMMISSION PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR 2006/07

The Chief Constable and the Treasurer submitted an update on the progress made since March 2007 in implementing the recommendations of the 2005/06 Police Use of Resources (PURE) assessment.

The Assistant Chief Officer presented the Implementation Plan, and the key line of enquiry and value for money assessments.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

5. PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Chief Executive presented a report on the proposed procurement process for the provision of internal audit services with effect from 1 April 2008. The report detailed the proposed service specification and the timetable of the tender process.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed procurement process for the provision of internal audit services, as detailed in the Chief Executives report, be approved.

Duration of Meeting: The meeting commenced at 3.00pm and concluded at 3.35pm.