



# CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2006 IN CONFERENCE ROOM 7, CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD

*Present:*

P Nurse (Chairman)	J P Findlow
M D Darby (Vice-Chairman)	R Giltrap
P J Walker (Vice-Chairman)	R Hodson
D T Bateman	C Kirkpatrick
D Cargill	Ms E Lam
Mrs M Chapman	B Maher
Mrs A Coomer	Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Mrs G A Cousins	Mrs S Proctor
Mrs A Doran	

<i>Police Authority Officers:</i>	<i>Constabulary Officers:</i>
M Sellwood, Clerk & Chief Executive	P Fahy, Chief Constable
Ms L Lunn, Treasurer	G Gerrard, Deputy Chief Constable
D Taylor, Deputy Clerk	D Baines, Assistant Chief Constable
M Eaton, Senior Administration Officer	G Shewan, Assistant Chief Constable
	B Simmons, Assistant Chief Officer

*Also Present:* G Parry, Audit Commission

### 43. MINUTES

*RESOLVED:*

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 44. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT

The Chief Constable presented his operational report which gave an overview of performance for the period June – August 2006, which had seen a 9% decrease on the level of overall crime compared to the comparable period the previous year. It was also reported that there had been decreases of 9.8% in acquisitive crimes; 6.3% in domestic burglaries; 7.2% in commercial burglaries and 7.9% in violent crime when compared to the previous year. Detections had increased from 26.7% in 2005 to 27.2% in 2006.

The report also detailed the work being undertaken to improve the quality of service and outlined a number of significant policing activities including Operation Padded; the policing of Creamfields; the summer knife amnesty; initiatives to address domestic violence; the operation of the custody suites; major investigations; motorway and roads policing; and the various initiatives

being carried out by the Neighbourhood Policing Units and Community Action Teams.

Members noted the report and welcomed the improvement in performance when compared to the previous year and raised a number of issues including the progress being made on improving the operation of the custody suites; the development of a performance framework for neighbourhood policing; the need to work with other agencies to tackle environmental quality of life issues; the reallocation of officers to roads policing duties; and the continuing concern over the level of police officer and police staff sickness, to which the Chief Constable responded.

The Authority commented on the effective policing of the Creamfields Dance Festival which had been held at Daresbury over the Bank Holiday weekend, and congratulated all those staff involved in the operation.

*RESOLVED:*

That the operational report of the Chief Constable be noted.

#### 45. CONSTABULARY COMMAND STRUCTURE

The Clerk & Chief Executive reported on the temporary changes to the Constabulary command structure as a result of the appointment of the Chief Constable as Director of this year's Strategic Command Course for the period 23 October to 16 December, which would see Graeme Gerrard appointed as Acting Chief Constable and Garry Shewan as Acting Deputy Chief Constable.

*RESOLVED:*

That the changes to the command structure of the Constabulary for the period 23 October to 16 December 2006, be noted.

#### 46. POLICE REFORM – COLLABORATION

The Chief Constable presented a report which gave an update on the extent and nature of collaboration currently being undertaken by the Constabulary. The report included details of the collaboration with North Wales, Greater Manchester and Merseyside police forces, together with the cross sector collaboration with a number of other organisations locally. In addition, the report set out the activity that had been ongoing in the light of the failure of the police merger proposals, to move regional collaboration forward.

The Chairman reported on his meetings with the Policing Minister Tony McNulty MP and the Home Office regional lead officer Amobi Modu which had been very positive. The Chief Constable reported that the Policing Minister had spent the day in the Eastern Area visiting a number of initiatives there before returning to Headquarters for further discussions.

Members welcomed the positive moves being made to develop collaboration regionally and supported continued work with not only other forces regionally and nationally, but with other agencies in the locality. The Chairman stated

that whilst fully supporting the Constabulary's initiatives in developing collaboration, further direction was needed from both the Home Office and the Association of Police Authorities to ensure that this agenda was driven forward.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report on collaboration by the Constabulary be noted; and
- (2) regular reports on the development of collaboration and shared services be submitted to the Organisation & Service Development Panel.

#### 47. DIVERSITY: QUARTERLY REPORT

The Chief Constable presented his quarterly update on diversity issues. The report detailed the wide range of work on diversity issues being undertaken by the Constabulary including training and development; development of staff networks; recruitment and employment issues; the work of the Independent Advisory Group; and race and hate crime issues.

Members welcomed the report and the comment by the Constabulary that they were expecting a positive assessment for their diversity work in the forthcoming Baseline Assessment report. Members also welcomed the significant contribution that the Diversity Advisory Unit was making to the diversity agenda but urged that consideration be given to the use of 'plain English' to ensure more effective mainstreaming and understanding of diversity issues.

The Clerk & Chief Executive reported that new legislation relating to age discrimination was to be introduced in October and that the Authority's age equality policy would be considered at a special meeting of the Authority on 28 November 2006.

*RESOLVED:*

That the quarterly update on diversity, be noted.

#### 48. AUTHORITY RACE EQUALITY SCHEME: ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Clerk & Chief Executive presented an updated action plan on the Authority's Race Equality Scheme. It was reported that as part of the ongoing review, the Independent Advisory Group would be invited to comment on the updated action plan and Scheme.

*RESOLVED:*

That the update on the Authority's Race Equality Action Plan, as contained in Appendix 1 to the Clerk & Chief Executive's report, be approved.

49. DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME

The Clerk & Chief Executive presented a report on the statutory duty of the Authority to produce and publish a Disability Equality Scheme by 4 December 2006. The report detailed what was required to be included in the Scheme; the role that the Authority would play in producing its own Scheme and monitoring that of the Constabulary's; and the series of key dates in the development of the Scheme.

*RESOLVED:*

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the proposals for developing the Authority's Disability Equality Scheme be agreed; and
- (3) a special meeting of the Authority be held on 28 November 2006 to consider and approve the Disability Equality Scheme.

50. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CHARGING POLICY

The Assistant Chief Officer presented the annual review of charging for police services, and sought approval to the proposed charging methodologies.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the proposed charging methodology for services provided under sections 25 and 92 of the Police Act 1996 and Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 be approved, and the associated decisions on charging continue to be delegated to the Chief Constable; and
- (3) the West Midlands charging methodology adopted by ACPO be accepted as a useful guide for event planners as to the level of charge to be applied for particular events.

51. EXTERNAL FUNDING: ANNUAL REPORT 2005/06

The Assistant Chief Officer presented a report on the external funding generated by the Constabulary in 2005/06. The report detailed funding secured through sponsorship, gifts and loans; income generation; partnership funding; and grant funding. Members also received information on the organisations that had provided sponsorship during the year.

*RESOLVED:*

That the 2005/06 report on external funding, be received.

## 52. CHESHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP: ANNUAL REPORT

The Assistant Chief Constable presented a summary of the third annual progress report for the Cheshire Safety Camera Partnership. It was reported that over the three years of the Safety Camera Partnership, average speeds at camera sites had reduced by 3.9mph; personal injury collisions reduced by 36%; killed or serious injury collisions had reduced by 70%; and killed or seriously injured child casualties had reduced by 88%.

The report also detailed the formation of the Cheshire Casualty Reduction Partnership which was being introduced across a number of agencies to deliver strategic road safety initiatives across the partnership area.

The Authority noted the report and welcomed the significant contribution that the Partnership had made towards reducing the number of people injured and killed on Cheshire's roads. Members raised a number of issues including the funding and governance of the Partnership; the implications beyond 2011 when guaranteed Government funding ceased; and the enforcement of existing speed limits at a number of other sites in the area, to which the Assistant Chief Constable responded.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the casualty reduction achieved by the Safety Camera Partnership be acknowledged;
- (2) the creation of the new wider Cheshire Casualty Reduction Partnership, be supported in principle and the Partnership be asked to consider the issue of public governance and how this could best be achieved; and
- (3) a full business plan and Partnership agreement be presented to the Authority on 12 December 2006 for consideration.

## 53. CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIPS: ANNUAL REPORT

The Chief Constable presented his annual update on the progress of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships in Cheshire, Halton and Warrington. which included a summary of the key initiatives being undertaken, together with details of the Basic Command Unit fund for 2005/06 and the plans for the current year.

*RESOLVED:*

That the progression of the local partnerships to date, be noted.

## 54. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2005/06

The External Auditor presented the annual governance report for 2005/06, which set out the Auditor's opinion on the Authority's governance arrangements and confirmed that the work on both the financial statements and value for money would result in an unqualified opinion being issued.

The Authority welcomed the Auditor's recognition that the Authority was achieving value for money but criticised the style of the report, which they felt would not provide the Authority with a document that the public would understand and on which further improvements in service could be made. Members discussed with the Auditor the decision making process for the audit report and the ongoing value of the Best Value & Audit Committee and agreed that further discussions would need to take place about the Committee's role.

*RESOLVED:*

That the annual governance report for 2005/06 be noted.

55. STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL 2005/06

The Treasurer submitted the annual review of the internal control framework which was required to be finalised and published with the Statement of Accounts by the end of September 2006.

*RESOLVED:*

That the final Statement of Internal Control for 2005/06, be approved.

56. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2005/06

The Treasurer submitted the final Statement of Accounts for 2005/06, previously considered by the Authority on 27 June 2006 (Minute 30) which had been amended in light of the completion of the external auditor's annual governance report.

*RESOLVED:*

That the revised Statement of Accounts for 2005/06, be approved.

57. INFORMATION SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME: DATA WAREHOUSE SCHEME

The Assistant Chief Officer presented a report on the reasons for, and the proposed funding transfers required, to meet an identified deficit in the existing information delivery budget to introduce a data warehouse.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the amendment to the Capital Programme by the closure of the "performance monitoring" scheme and the transfer of £90,000 to the data warehouse project, be approved,
- (3) the reduction of the "Laptop Refresh" scheme from £140,000 to £80,000 and the transfer of the £60,000 to the data warehouse project, be approved; and

- (4) the transfer of £221,000 funds from the IT Equipment Refresh Reserve to fund the refresh of various hardware within Headquarters, be approved.

58. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SINGLE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER IN THE CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY AREA

The Assistant Chief Constable gave an update on the requirement for a single non-emergency number (SNEN) to be operational in the Constabulary area by late 2007. The report detailed the areas of business that the SNEN would cover; the options for the style and location of SNEN in Cheshire; funding and costs; and the formation of a sub-group of various authorities to develop the proposals.

Members welcomed the report and raised a number of issues including the level of demand that a SNEN would attract and the need for appropriate governance structures, to which the Assistant Chief Constable responded.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the undertaking of further research at Wave 1 sites (and Wave 2 where appropriate) be supported; and
- (3) a further report be submitted to the Authority when information on Wave 3 is provided by the Home Office.

59. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS: POWER OF OFFICERS

The Clerk & Chief Executive submitted a report seeking approval to amend Standing Orders relating to the power of officers.

*RESOLVED:*

That the revised Standing Orders relating to the power of officers, as attached at Appendix 1 of the Clerk & Chief Executive's report, be approved.

60. CHANGE OF DATE OF MEETING

The Clerk & Chief Executive presented a report which sought approval to the change of date of the 2007 budget meeting of the Authority to enable sufficient time for consideration of the 2007/08 budget proposals.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the Authority meeting on 13 February 2007 be rescheduled to 20 February 2007; and
- (2) in light of (1) above, the Statutory Purposes Committee be rescheduled to 13 February 2007.

61. MEMBERS' ACTIVITY

The Clerk & Chief Executive submitted a report on the attendance by Members at recent meetings of the Association of Police Authorities; Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships and other bodies to which they were appointed by the Authority.

*RESOLVED:*

That the Members' activity report be noted.

62. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS AND A SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT POLICE FORUMS

*RESOLVED:* That

(1) the Minutes of the following meeting be received:-

- Statutory Purposes Committee – 22 August 2006
- Performance Review Panel – 4 July 2006

(2) the Minutes of the following meetings be received and the recommendations in the Minutes listed below, be adopted:-

- Human Resources Committee – 29 August 2006

Minute 31 – Extension to Pensions Administration Contract

That

(1) the existing arrangements stated in the Statement Of Service Requirements (SOSR) with the Cheshire County Council Pensions Department be extended to cover the period 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007;

(2) the detail of the SOSR be evaluated and the future pension's administration needs of the Constabulary be fully identified;

(3) the ACPO framework agreement for police pension administration services be explored and the best of the three providers engaged for provision of services beyond September 2007; and

(4) a report on the outcome of the evaluation and the recommended service provider be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

- Performance Review Panel – 5 September 2006

Minute 23 – Performance Management: Authority Self Assessment

That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) Mrs M Chapman, Mrs A Doran, R Hodson, Ms E Lam and Mrs M A Ollerenshaw be nominated to develop the Authority's action plan for performance management.

- Policy & Finance Panel – 18 July 2006

Minute 21 - Community Support Officers: Funding Update

That

- (1) the accelerated funding proposal as detailed in the Chief Constable's report, be approved;
- (2) the surplus funding anticipated for 2006/07 be earmarked to fund CSO posts in 2007/08;
- (3) the Chief Constable be requested to give consideration to the use of BCU funding for the shortfall in CSO funding, and submit a report to the next meeting of the Panel; and
- (4) a report be submitted to the Organisation & Service Development Panel on 3 October 2006 detailing the national salary structures for CSOs together with an assessment of the impact of the Police & Justice Bill and the new standardised powers being granted to CSOs.

- Policy & Finance Panel – 19 September 2006

Minute 27 – Review of Financial Performance: First Quarter 2006/07

That

- (1) the gross overspends and underspends as detailed in the Chief Constable's report, be noted at this stage and further scrutiny be undertaken by the Chief Constable; and
- (2) the mid-year review report to be presented to Policy & Finance Panel on 7 November 2006, include:-
  - COG action plans on the projected gross overspending budgets,
  - financial implications for police pay; protective services;
  - Custody;
  - in year budget adjustments in accordance with Financial Regulations; and

- details of the allocation of carry forward.

#### Minute 30 – Management of the Capital Programme

That

- (1) the revised capital management arrangements detailed in the joint report of the Chief Constable and the Treasurer, be approved; and
- (2) the Treasurer revise Financial Regulations to reflect the capital management arrangements approved in (1) above.

#### Minute 31 – Management of Police Information

That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) additional funding for the Data Quality Project of £131,000 to Blue Star and £20,000 for intelligence officer overtime, as detailed in the Chief Constable's report, be noted;
- (3) the total additional funding of £151,000 be funded from any underspend in the 2006/07 budget; and
- (4) D T Bateman be appointed as the Authority's representative to oversee the MOPI project.

#### Minute 33 – Every Child Matters

That

- (1) the report be noted
- (2) the following be appointed as the Authority's lead members to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnerships:-

Cheshire	Mrs M Chapman
Halton	D Cargill
Warrington	P J Walker

#### Minute 34 – Treasury Management 2005/06 and 2006/07

That

- (1) the report on treasury management activities for the year 2005/06 be received;

- (2) compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management for the year 2005/06 be noted;
- (3) the Authority remained within the three statutory borrowing limits at all times during the year 2005/06, be noted;
- (4) the outlook for the year 2006/07, be noted; and
- (5) the amendment to the Treasury Management Policy Statement as shown in Appendix 2 to the Treasurer's report, be approved.

#### Minute 35 – Review of Members' Mileage and Subsistence Rates

That

- (1) the level of mileage rates and subsistence as detailed in the Clerk & Chief Executive's report, be approved with effect from 1 October 2006;
- (2) the Clerk & Chief Executive amend the published scheme on the Authority's website.

#### Minute 36 - Draft Programme of Meetings 2007/08

That the programme of meetings for 2006/07, as contained in the Appendix to the Clerk & Chief Executive's report, be adopted, subject to further consideration of the introduction of a Consultation & Engagement Committee at the Discussion Day on 20 October 2006.

- Organisation & Service Development Panel – 25 July 2006

#### Minute 21 – Any Other Business: Police Service Restructuring

That the Chairman and the Chief Constable be authorised to finalise and submit a claim for all legitimate costs to the Home Office.

#### Minute 22 – Any Other Business: Detention of Home Office Prisoners

That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) a full report on the issue be presented to the Authority on 26 September 2006.

- (3) the summary of business considered at the last cycle of Forum meetings, be noted.

63. URGENT BUSINESS: ACHIEVING THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTMENT AND MAINTAINING OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

In accordance with Standing Order 5.3, the Chairman reported that there was an item of urgent business that required consideration by the Authority.

*RESOLVED:*

That the item of urgent business relating to Achieving the Protective Services Investment and Maintaining Operational Performance be considered in Part II of the Agenda.

64. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

*RESOLVED:*

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as applied by the Police Act 1996, and as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business listed below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act in the paragraphs indicated:-

<i>Item</i>	<i>Paragraph</i>
Urgent Business: Achieving the Protective Services Investment and maintaining operational performance	(7) Prevention of crime
Chief Constable's Report	(7) Prevention of crime
Police Reform: Collaboration	(7) Prevention of crime
Relocation of the Police Dogs Training Unit	(3) Financial
Operation Safeguard: Housing of Home Office Prisoners in Police Cells	(7) Prevention of crime
Web Portal Procurement	(3) Financial
Breach of Financial Regulations	(3) Financial
Chairman's Approval	(3) Financial
Treasurer to the Police Authority	(4) Employment issues

65. URGENT BUSINESS: ACHIEVING THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTMENT AND MAINTAINING OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

In accordance with Standing Order 5.3, the Chairman was of the opinion that this matter be considered as a matter of urgency as it was necessary to agree

changes to budget provision to enable investment in protective services to proceed without delay.

The Chief Constable presented the report which set out how the funding allocated in 2006/07 to strengthen the Constabulary's protective services capability was proposed to be allocated. The report set out in detail the progress made to date; the impact on the Headquarters building as a result of additional officers; together with the more detailed proposals and financial estimates to achieve the enhancement in protective services. The Chief Constable emphasised the importance of the proposals and the need for the Constabulary to respond without delay to address Level 2 policing issues.

The Authority acknowledged the importance of the proposals but expressed concern at the short period of time in which Members had to consider the report, and the impact that the proposals would have on the forthcoming year's budget. Members were anxious that the necessary investment was made to ensure that the Constabulary's Level 2 capability was brought up to the standard required, based on a risk assessment, but requested that further consideration and scrutiny of the proposals be undertaken by a number of Members to ensure the affordability of the proposals, particularly in future years.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the progress made in utilising the Authority's investment in protective services, be noted;
- (2) the Capital Programme 2006/07 be amended by transferring the provision of £80,000 for training to the upgrading surveillance equipment;
- (3) the proposals set out in the report to utilise the budget provision to meet the costs of staff, overtime, training and accommodation as set out in Table 1, be approved; and
- (4) the Chief Constable report to the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Chairmen of Committees by the end of October 2006 on the proposals in particular their achievability; the impact on improved performance in relation to protective services; and the affordability of the budget commitment in future years.

## 66. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT

The Chief Constable presented the second part of his operational report which included updates on a number of incidents, and new and ongoing investigations, which the Constabulary was undertaking.

*RESOLVED:*

That the Chief Constable's report be noted.

67. POLICE REFORM – COLLABORATION

The Chief Constable submitted a report which provided details of areas of police activity where collaboration would provide mutual benefit and could be achieved in the short to medium term. The report included the current regional position in relation to collaboration and the possible 'quick wins' which could be achieved in the short term, together with other areas of possible collaborative working and the issues that would need to be addressed to make collaboration effective in those areas.

Members welcomed the report which provided a useful update on the current position with collaborative working and stressed the need for strong leadership from both ACPO and the APA to ensure that collaboration was developed effectively. Members reiterated their desire to see collaboration developed both for policing and back office functions and to see multi-agency working develop across the public services as a whole, whilst ensuring that appropriate governance arrangements were established.

The Chairman reported that he was having discussions with Greater Manchester Police Authority on how to move the collaboration agenda forward and that a meeting of all police authority Chairmen in the North West region would be held in Liverpool on 26 October 2006.

*RESOLVED:*

That the update on collaboration be noted.

68. RELOCATION OF THE POLICE DOG TRAINING UNIT

The Assistant Chief Officer presented a report on the progress of the development of a new police dog training centre on land to the rear of the Headquarters building in Winsford.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report be received and the relocation of the Police Dog Training Unit to the Headquarters complex be re-affirmed with a planned completion date of June 2007;
- (2) the revised estimated cost, as detailed in the Appendix to the Chief Constable's report, be approved;
- (3) the capital programme be amended to include a separate Police Dog Training Unit project, as detailed in the Appendix to the Chief Constable's report; and
- (4) progress reports be submitted to the Organisation & Service Development Panel.

69. OPERATION SAFEGUARD: HOUSING OF HOME OFFICE PRISONERS IN POLICE CELLS

The Assistant Chief Constable presented a report which provided details of the contingency plan entitled Operation Safeguard for the housing of Home Office prisoners in police cells.

*RESOLVED:*

That the report be noted.

70. WEB PORTAL PROCUREMENT

The Assistant Chief Officer presented a report setting out the background and reasons for the selection of a preferred supplier of web portal technologies and services and sought the Authority's approval for its procurement.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the procurement of the web portal goods and services as set out in the Appendix to the Chief Constable's report, be approved.

71. BREACH OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk & Chief Executive reported on a breach of the Authority's Financial Regulations and the proposed action to be taken by the Constabulary to rectify the breach.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report be approved;
- (2) Financial Regulations be retrospectively waived in relation to the diversity training delivered by the consultants, as detailed in the Appendix to the Clerk & Chief Executive's report;
- (3) Financial Regulations be further waived to enable the consultants to continue to provide diversity training for the Constabulary for a maximum period expiring 31 March 2007 at a cost as detailed in the Appendix to the Clerk & Chief Executive's report;
- (4) the Head of Learning & Development report on progress in developing and procuring diversity training for the Constabulary from April 2007 to the Human Resources Committee.

72. CHAIRMAN'S APPROVAL

The Clerk & Chief Executive reported that in accordance with the urgency procedures under Standing Order No.11, the Chairman had been consulted on the extension to the service level agreement for DNA services; the

extension of the cleaning contract; and the contract to undertake telephone surveys.

*RESOLVED:*

That the action taken by the Chairman be noted.

73. TREASURER TO THE POLICE AUTHORITY

*(With the exception of the Assistant Chief Officer, Clerk & Chief Executive, Deputy Clerk and Senior Administration Officer, all other officers left the meeting for consideration of this item).*

The Clerk & Chief Executive reported on the appointment of a Treasurer and the provision of treasury services from 1 May 2007, when the existing appointment and contract for services expires. The report included details of the current contract; its financial implications; and details of how a number of other police authorities procured their treasury services.

Members supported the process as set out in the report and requested that a further report be submitted to Policy & Finance Panel before the year end.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the options for the procurement of treasury services, as set out in the Clerk & Chief Executive's report, be supported and further developed and amended, with a report being submitted to Policy & Finance Panel by the end of the year.

*Duration of meeting: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 1.10pm*