



CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY HELD ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2006 IN CONFERENCE ROOM 7, CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD

Present: D T Bateman
Mrs M Chapman
Mrs A Coomer
Mrs G A Cousins
M D Darby
B P Doyle
J P Findlow
R Hodson
C Kirkpatrick
P Lloyd-Jones
B Maher
P Nurse
Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Mrs S Proctor
P J Walker

Police Authority Officers:
M Sellwood, Clerk & Chief Executive
Ms L Lunn, Treasurer
D Taylor, Deputy Clerk
M Eaton, Senior Administration Officer

Constabulary Officers:
P Fahy, Chief Constable
D Baines, Assistant Chief Constable
G Shewan, Assistant Chief Constable
B Simmons, Assistant Chief Officer
A Rainford, Head of Finance & Procurement

Apologies: Mrs A Doran and Ms E Lam

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk & Chief Executive invited nominations for the appointment of Chairman. Mr P Nurse was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Mr P Nurse be appointed Chairman of the Cheshire Police Authority until the next Annual Meeting of the Police Authority.

(Mr P Nurse in the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

The Chairman invited the Authority to submit nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairmen. Mr M D Darby and Mr P J Walker were nominated and seconded. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That Mr M D Darby and Mr P J Walker be appointed Vice-Chairmen of the Cheshire Police Authority until the next Annual Meeting of the Authority.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT

The Chief Constable presented his operational report to the Authority which included updates on crime performance; neighbourhood policing; changes to the centralised custody processes; call management; the work of various sections including the roads policing, public protection and dogs sections; and local Community Action Team initiatives.

The Chief Constable highlighted some of the key areas for concern in relation to current crime patterns; commented on the significant increases in the performance of the call management department; and outlined in more detail the work of the local neighbourhood policing units and the increase in enforcement at the local level.

Members noted the report and welcomed the continued improvement in performance, particularly in relation to call management. Members expressed concern, however, at the problems being experienced with the new centralised custody facilities, and stressed that resolution of these issues must not lead to an increase in the costs of the service. In response, the Assistant Chief Constable gave a detailed account of the actions being taken to address the problems, which should result in a marked difference within three months.

Members raised a number of other issues including the development of a sexual health referral centre; the seizure and confiscation of vehicles; the Constabulary's road policing capability; and the number of reported hangings and the multi-agency response to such incidents, to which the Chief Constable responded.

RESOLVED:

That the operational report of the Chief Constable, be noted.

5. DIVERSITY: QUARTERLY REPORT

The Chief Constable presented the quarterly report on diversity issues which included details on training and development; the Disability Discrimination Act; the work of the staff networks; progress against the actions contained in the Constabulary and Authority Race Equality Schemes; and a summary of race crimes and incidents.

RESOLVED:

That the quarterly report on diversity, be noted.

6. HEALTH & SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

The Chief Constable submitted an annual report on the progress and developments in relation to health and safety issues during 2005/06. The report included an update on legislative changes; management infrastructure; the involvement of the Health & Safety Executive; injury reporting and investigation; and a breakdown of injury statistics for police officers and staff.

RESOLVED:

That the annual report on health and safety, be noted.

7. CHESHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

The Chief Constable reported on the submission by the Cheshire Safety Camera Partnership to the National Safety Camera Programme, including a breakdown of the financial implications and the ongoing review of the location of the cameras.

Members noted the report and raised concern at the ongoing maintenance of the camera sites, particularly in those areas where there had been damage to the cameras, and the funding arrangements for the cameras under the new Local Transportation Plan funding process. Members acknowledged the role that the cameras played in improving road safety at the sites and requested that a presentation be given to Police Forums on the work of the road safety camera partnership.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the continuing involvement of the Constabulary as part of the Cheshire Safety Camera Partnership on the National Safety Camera Programme be supported in principle;
- (3) the projected costs, be noted;
- (4) presentations be given at the next round of Police Forums on the work of the road safety camera partnership; and
- (5) a report be presented to a future meeting on the funding arrangements for safety cameras under the new Local Transportation Plan funding process.

8. POLICE USE OF RESOURCES EVALUATION

The Treasurer and the Assistant Chief Officer submitted a joint report which detailed the introduction of a Police Use of Resources Evaluation (PURE)

framework by the Audit Commission, together with the proposed timetable for the 2005/06 evaluation and the completion of a self assessment which would form the basis of the evaluation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the introduction of the PURE framework be noted; and
- (2) the Chief Constable and the Treasurer be authorised to submit the completed self assessment forms and supporting information to the Audit Commission by 13 April 2006, and report the outcome to Policy & Finance Panel on 18 April 2006.

9. AMENDMENTS TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk & Chief Executive presented a report which sought approval to amend the Authority's Financial Regulations to reflect the new electronic purchase order system and the new procedures for procuring goods and services.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the revised Financial Regulations, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

10. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Clerk & Chief Executive invited the Authority to determine the membership of Committees and Panels.

RESOLVED:

That the membership of Committees and Panels for the year 2006/07, as set out in the Appendix to these minutes, be approved.

11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND FORUMS

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Clerk & Chief Executive invited the Authority to appoint a Chairman to each Committee, Panel and Forum. The Authority was also requested to nominate a Member to act as a substitute on the eight local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, in the event of the Forum Chairman being unable to attend.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the following Members be appointed Chairman of the Committees and Panels detailed below until the next Annual Meeting of the Police Authority:-

Best Value & Audit Committee	R Hodson
Human Resources Committee	B P Doyle
Remuneration Committee	Chairman of the Authority
Selection Committee	Chairman of the Authority
Statutory Purposes Committee	D T Bateman
Organisation & Service Development Panel	P J Walker
Performance Review Panel	Chairman of the Authority
Policy & Finance Panel	Chairman of the Authority

- (2) the following Members be appointed Chairman of the Forums detailed below and lead Members for the appropriate CDRPs until the next Annual Meeting of the Police Authority:-

Chester	B P Doyle
Congleton	Mrs A Coomer
Crewe	P Nurse
Ellesmere Port and Neston	M D Darby
Halton	P Lloyd-Jones
Macclesfield	Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Vale Royal	Mrs G A Cousins
Warrington	P J Walker

- (3) the following Members be nominated as substitute representatives on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships detailed below, until the next Annual Meeting of the Police Authority:-

Chester	Mrs M Chapman
Congleton	Ms E Lam
Crewe and Nantwich	Mrs A Doran
Ellesmere Port and Neston	D T Bateman
Halton	R Hodson
Macclesfield	Ms E Lam
Vale Royal	Mrs A Doran
Warrington	B Maher

12. STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk & Chief Executive submitted a report which sought nominations to the Selection Panel; Police Appeals Tribunal; Standards Committee; Standards Committee Independent Member Shortlisting Panel; and Members to respond to questions on police matters at relevant council meetings.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) P Nurse be appointed to serve on the Selection Panel (Independent Members) until the Annual Meeting in 2007;
- (2) P Nurse be appointed to serve on the Selection Panel (Lay Justices) until the Annual Meeting in 2007;
- (3) M Darby, P Lloyd-Jones and Mrs M Chapman be appointed to serve on Police Appeals Tribunals until the Annual Meeting in 2007;

- (4) Mrs A Coomer and Mrs A Doran be appointed to the Standards Committee until the Annual Meeting in 2007;
- (5) Mrs G A Cousins, P Nurse and P J Walker be appointed to the Standards Committee Independent Member Shortlisting Panel until the Annual Meeting in 2007; and
- (7) the following Members be appointed to respond to questions relating to the functions of the Police Authority at relevant council meetings:-

P Nurse	Cheshire County Council
P Lloyd-Jones	Halton Borough Council
P J Walker	Warrington Borough Council

13. MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk & Chief Executive presented a report on the existing representation on outside bodies together with an outline of the role of each organisation. Members were invited to review the position and determine the Authority's representation.

RESOLVED:

That the Authority be represented until the next Annual Meeting, on the following outside bodies by the Members indicated: -

External Appointments

Association of Police Authorities	Chairman (Vice-Chairmen as substitutes)
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APA Groups/Networks

Performance Management Group	R Hodson
Neighbourhood Policing Group	P J Walker
Race & Diversity Group	P Lloyd-Jones
Human Resources Group	Mrs A Coomer
Financial Resources Policy Group	D T Bateman
Science & Technology Group	D T Bateman
Information Management Network	P J Walker
Training Network	B P Doyle
Health & Safety Network	P J Walker
Efficiency & Bureaucracy Network	P J Walker
Professional Standards Network	D T Bateman
Black/Minority Ethnic Network	Ms E Lam
Criminal Justice System Task Group	P Lloyd-Jones

Other Outside Bodies

North Western 'A' Regional Duty Solicitor Committee	Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
North West Air Support Consortium Management Committee	Mrs G A Cousins
NCS/NCIS Consultative Meetings (<i>& successor meetings</i>)	Chairman & Vice-Chairmen
Five C's Trust	M D Darby
Cheshire Partnership	R Hodson (sub Mrs A Doran)
Cheshire Branch of the Local Government Association (LGA)	Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Mrs G A Cousins & the Clerk & Chief Executive
Crimebeat Management Committee	Mrs G A Cousins
Cheshire Community Council	Mrs G A Cousins
Cheshire Rural Forum	P Nurse
North West Region Training Strategy Group	B P Doyle
Cheshire & Warrington Information Consortium	P Nurse
Local Criminal Justice Board Consultative Group	M D Darby
Forensic Scientific Procurement Steering Group	Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Cross cutting partnership project on public health	Mrs M Chapman

Internal Appointments

Cheshire Police Dog Welfare Inspection Scheme	Mrs A Coomer, Mrs A Doran, R Hodson & Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Strategic Communications Meeting	P Nurse
Confidence & Equality Board	Mrs M Chapman & Ms E Lam
Performance Improvement Meeting	Mrs A Doran, R Hodson & P Nurse

Incident Management Task Group	Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Tackling Alcohol Misuse Strategy Working Group	B Maher
Stronger & Safer Neighbourhoods	Mrs M Chapman (Deputy: Ms E Lam)
Strategic Risk Management Group	M D Darby & B Hodson

Authority lead Members

Annual Report	P Nurse
Best Value	R Hodson
Complaints	D T Bateman
Crime Recording	R Hodson & P Nurse
Finance & ABC	M Darby
Health & Safety	P J Walker
Information Management	P J Walker
Quality of Service Commitment	Mrs A Doran
Reducing Bureaucracy	P J Walker
Training	B P Doyle & P J Walker
Race & Diversity	Mrs M Chapman & Ms E Lam
Airwave	Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Procurement	Mrs M Chapman & Mrs A Coomer
Atlas	Mrs A Doran & P J Walker
Community Engagement	Mrs M Chapman & Ms E Lam

Neighbourhood Policing Units

Chester Inner	Mrs S Proctor
Chester Outer	B P Doyle
Winsford	Mrs A Doran
Northwich	Mrs M Chapman
Western Rural	Mrs G A Cousins
Ellesmere Port	D T Bateman & M D Darby
Runcorn	R Hodson
Widnes	P Lloyd-Jones
Warrington West	C Kirkpatrick
Warrington East	B Maher
Warrington Central	B Maher & P J Walker
Warrington South	P J Walker
Macclesfield	J P Findlow
Wilmslow	Ms E Lam

Knutsford
Crewe
Nantwich
Congleton

Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
P Nurse
P Nurse
Mrs A Coomer

Taking Control key work areas

Reducing & investigating crime	Mrs A Doran & P J Walker
Citizen Focus, Providing Assistance, public safety	Mrs M Chapman & Ms E Lam
Performance Management	B Hodson & Mrs M A Ollerenshaw
Resource Use	B P Doyle & M D Darby

14. MEMBERS' REPORT ON ACTIVITY

The Clerk & Chief Executive submitted a report which set out Members reports on their attendance at the ACPO Conference, Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships and other bodies and meetings to which they had been appointed by the Authority.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

15. 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 contract for the Electronic Document Management Project.

RESOLVED:

That the action taken by the Chairman, be noted.

16. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND FORUMS

RESOLVED: That

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

- Human Resources Committee – 28 February 2006
- Performance Review Panel – 1 March 2006

(2) the Minutes of the Organisation & Service Development Panel be received and the following recommendations be adopted:-

Minute 46: Mobile Data

That the introduction of a Mobil Data Pilot as outline in Option 3 of the Chief Constable's report, be supported.

Minute 48: Operations Training Project: Business Case

That:

- (1) the report and business case, be noted;
- (2) progression of the project to the design development phase, be approved; and
- (3) R Hodson be appointed to oversee the progress of the project

Minute 49: Operations Training Project: Relocation of the Dogs Unit

That:

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the relocation of the Dog Unit to the land and buildings at Lane End Farm, to the rear of Headquarters, Winsford, be approved subject to the financial implications being resolved to the satisfaction of the Clerk & Chief Executive and the Treasurer; and
- (3) periodic progress reports on the relocation, be submitted to the Panel.

Minute 50: Any Other Business: NSPIS HR – Collaboration with Merseyside Police

That the proposed collaboration with Merseyside Police in relation to the NSPIS Human Resources IT system, be supported.

- (3) the Minutes of the following Forum meetings, be received:-
 - Macclesfield – 30 January 2006
 - Crewe – 2 February 2006
 - Congleton – 7 February 2006

17. URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order No. 5.3, the Chairman reported that there was an item of urgent business on police service restructuring that required consideration by the Authority.

RESOLVED:

That the urgent item of business relating to Police Restructuring be considered in Part 2 of the meeting.

18. 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 to the Act in the paragraphs indicated:-

<i>Item</i>	<i>Paragraph</i>
Urgent Business: Police Service Restructuring	(5) Legal proceedings
Chief Constable's Report	(7) Information relating to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime

19. URGENT BUSINESS: POLICE SERVICE RESTRUCTURING

In accordance with Standing Order 5.3, the Chairman was of the opinion that this matter be considered as an item of urgent business as it was necessary to discuss the ongoing developments with police service restructuring.

The Clerk & Chief Executive reported on the latest developments with the police service restructuring including the publication of the model amalgamation orders and updated Members on those authorities currently considering a judicial review of the process. It was also proposed that a new Member Restructuring Group be established which would take the lead role in considering restructuring issues and could meet at short notice.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) a Restructuring Group be established comprising of 8 Members (6 local authority, 1 magistrate and 1 independent).

20. 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 report be noted.

Duration of Meeting: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 12noon.

COMMITTEE & PANEL MEMBERSHIP 2006/07

	COMMITTEES				PANELS		
	Best Value & Audit	Human Resources	Statutory Purposes	Selection	Organisation & Service Development	Performance Review	Policy & Finance
Bateman			●*			●	●
Chapman	●			●		●	●
Coomer		●	●		●		
Cousins	●			●	●		●
Darby	●			●	●	●	
Doran	●			●	●	●	
Doyle		●*	●				●
Findlow		●	●			●	
Hodson	●*			●		●	●
Kirkpatrick		●	●		●		
Lam	●					●	●
Lloyd-Jones	●	●					●
Maher		●	●		●		
Nurse	●	●	●	●*	●	●*	●*
Ollerenshaw		●	●	●	●		
Proctor	●		●	●		●	
Walker		●		●	●*		●

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