



CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2006 IN CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD

Present: J Wilding (*Chairman*)
Mrs A Coomer
Mrs A Doran

Authority Officers:
M Sellwood, Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer
D Taylor, Deputy Clerk

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2003 be confirmed as a correct record.

2. GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The Deputy Clerk introduced the report which updated the Committee on several issues including the Code of Conduct and register of Members' interests; the outcome of a recent decision in the High Court on the application of the Code of Conduct on a specific case in Greater London; the forthcoming consultation on the Code; the role of the Standards Committee; and the number of breaches of the Code by police authority members nationally investigated by the Standards Board.

Members noted the report and raised a number of issues including the registering of Members interests; the application of the Code to Members private lives; and the forthcoming review of allowances.

In respect of the future role of the Standards Committee, Members agreed that they would wish to see the current role of the Committee, in providing oversight on the operation and adherence to the Code, continue, and that they were confident that the overview of training for Members, revising protocols and providing an overview of whistle blowing and complaints procedures should rest with the Monitoring Officer.

The Committee discussed the frequency of meetings and agreed that the Committee meet on an annual basis, and would meet additionally when the Government launched the consultation on a revised Code.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;

- (2) the Standards Committee continue to focus on overview and adherence to the Code of Conduct; and
- (3) meet on an annual basis and at additional times should the need arise.

3. MEMBERS ACTIVITY

Members reported on their attendance at the annual Standards Board Conference, and in particular, expressed concern that the conference primarily focused on the issues arising in local authorities, and was not therefore relevant to police authority standards committee members.

RESOLVED:

That the Standards Board be requested to provide specific input/workshop on police authority standards committees at the next annual conference.

Duration of Meeting: The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 11.00am