



CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2008 IN THE POLICE AUTHORITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD

Present: J Wilding (*Chairman*)
B Maher
T Savage

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

2. LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINTS

The Deputy Chief Executive presented a report on the new requirements arising from the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 in respect of the local assessment of complaints. The report included the proposals for publicising the new arrangements; the new sub-committee structure and proposed membership of the Standards Committee; the complaints process and other related issues; and the development of collaborative working with other police authorities.

Members noted the report and raised a number of issues including the arrangements for publicising the new procedures; the handling of anonymous complaints; and the recruitment of additional independent members to which the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive responded.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the integration of the new arrangements into the current complaints framework, be agreed;
- (3) the establishment of the new sub-committee structure through the development of the Assessment and Review Sub Committees, be agreed;
- (4) the enlargement of the Standards Committee to seven Members (4 Authority Members and 3 Independent Members), be agreed;

- (5) the work to explore collaboration with neighbouring authorities, including the sharing of independent members, be supported; and
- (6) the procedure for dealing with complaints, as set out in the Chief Executive's report, be agreed.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Committee be convened once the timetable for the appointment of additional independent members is known.

Duration of Meeting: The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 11.45am