

SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY

Minutes of a meeting of the Sussex Police Authority held on 3 June 2010 at County Hall, Lewes.

Present:

Dr L Bush (Chairman), Mr L Barnard, Prof G Bull, Ms E Daniel, Mr G Daniel JP, Mr F Faiz, Mr P Jones, Mr A Price JP, Mrs C Shaves MBE JP, Mr A Smith, Mr R Tidy, Mr S Waight (Vice-Chairman) and Dr R Walker.

Apologies were received from Mr P Bratton, Mr B Duncan, Mr P Evans and Mrs S Knight.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Ivor Fabb representing the Police Federation; Superintendent Steve Barry representing the Superintendents' Association; Superintendent Brian Bracher of the Corporate Development Department, Chief Superintendent Mark Streater (South East Regional Collaboration); Sergeant Liam Tinkl (Officer on attachment to Corporate Development Department); Sergeant Andy Wolstenholme (High Performance Development Scheme Officer on attachment to Corporate Development Department); Ms Emily Hall, Corporate Communications Department, Mr Philip Baker, Solicitor to the Authority and Ms Lyn Cook representing UNISON.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

1. The Chief Executive reported that he had received one nomination for the office of Chairman of the Police Authority, that of Dr Laurie Bush.
2. **Resolved** – that Dr Laurie Bush be appointed Chairman of the Police Authority for the ensuing year until the next Annual Meeting of the Authority.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

3. The Chief Executive reported that one nomination had been received for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Police Authority, that of Mr Steve Waight.
4. **Resolved** - that Mr Steve Waight be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Police Authority for the ensuing year until the next Annual Meeting of the Authority.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

5. No disclosure of personal interests were made.

MINUTES

6. **Resolved** – that the minutes of the last meeting of the Police Authority held on 15 April 2010 be confirmed.

REPORTS

7. Copies of reports referred to in the minutes below are included in the Minute Book.

CONSTITUTIONAL REPORT

8. The Authority considered a report by the Chief Executive.
9. The Chief Executive drew attention to a schedule setting out the proposed memberships of Committees, Lead Member and other appointments (copy attached to the signed minutes). In accordance with Standing Orders the schedule also set out the proposed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each Committee.
10. The Authority also received an update on the Serving Sussex 2015 programme in which the Authority was working closely with the Chief Constable to help redesign the way the Force operates, and at the same time find savings expected to total at least £34m over four years. The Authority received a schedule which showed the structure for the Serving Sussex 2015 programme, including the Serving Sussex Strategic Board which was to be chaired by the Chairman, Dr Laurie Bush, and included Mr Steve Waight, the Vice-Chairman, and was advised by the Chief Constable, Chief Executive and Treasurer. The Authority would play a central role in shaping the changes to Sussex Police and would ensure that this work delivered the best possible policing for the public of Sussex.
11. **Resolved** - that
 - (1) the appointments set out in Appendix A, including the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as shown, be approved;
 - (2) the timetable of meetings set out in Appendix C be approved;
 - (3) the governance structure for Serving Sussex 2015 set out in Appendix B be supported; and
 - (4) the arrangements with regard to the Serving Sussex 2015 programme be supported.

NEW POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

12. The Authority considered a report by the Chief Executive.
13. The Authority received a report on the outcome of the General Election on 6 May and the formation of a Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government. The Authority also noted the legislative changes proposed for policing included in the Queen's Speech on 25 May. There were several key strategic areas of proposed reform within policing that directly related to police authorities. The Government's legislative programme included provisions for police accountability and directly elected individuals to hold the police to account and thereby enhance the transfer of accountability to the local community.

14. The Government also proposed that a dedicated Border Police Force, be created as part of a refocused Serious Organised Crime Agency, to enhance national security, improve immigration controls, and crack down on the trafficking of people, weapons and drugs. Sussex Police is currently responsible for policing Gatwick Airport and the Sussex seaports, and the Authority has previously expressed concern about the removal of ports policing from existing forces, on the grounds that there is a seamless thread between the policing of ports and the policing of local communities. The creation of a national border police force would create divisions in policing which did not exist at the moment, potentially cutting off from ports policing invaluable intelligence about local community concerns.
15. The Authority and Sussex Police would continue to take every opportunity to pursue, through all appropriate channels, the fundamental issues regarding policing accountability. It was essential that as the proposals emerge the Authority and Sussex Police work closely together with the principal councils in Sussex to seek to present a common voice to the Home Office. The Authority would also be working closely with the Association of Police Authorities and the Association of Chief Police Officers to seek to influence legislative changes given the intention of the new Government to introduce legislation in the next session of Parliament. A further report would be submitted to the Police Authority on 29 July, 2010. regarding this matter.

SOUTH EAST REGION COLLABORATION

Funding Principles

16. The Authority considered a report by the Chief Constable, Chief executive and Treasurer.
17. The Authority was advised that on 27 April 2010 the South East Region Collaboration Oversight Board had agreed the funding principles on which projects in the programme would be evaluated. The funding principles had been formulated following detailed discussions which had taken place between South East Regional Authorities with specific input from the Treasurers of the respective police authorities.
18. **Recommended** – that the funding principles set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

Programme Update

19. It was reported that the Authority continued to work actively with other police authorities in the South East Region to pursue collaborative opportunities to achieve more effective and efficient delivery of policing services. The first three regional collaborative areas of joint working had gone live on 1 April 2010 namely witness protection, covert operations and technical support. Further regional collaborative opportunities were being pursued including the provision of forensic science which could deliver savings across the region. The Authority had also agreed at its last meeting that a Regional Air Support Unit should be created as a three force (Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire), two airframe model with the ambition to achieve one site in Sussex and one site in Hampshire. Further analysis was

being carried out with the National Air Review Team on the possible options with the potential to save up to £9m over five years for the region. Sussex Police was continuing to lead for the region on this area of collaboration.

20. The Authority had also supported the creation of a dedicated investigation unit alongside the Regional Asset Recovery Team (RART) and the Regional Intelligence Unit (RIU) combining to form a new South East Serious and Organised Crime Directorate with Sussex as the lead force. Recruitment of police officers and police staff into the RART is progressing well and it is starting to instigate financial investigations into serious criminal matters. The new Unit would be hosted by Sussex Police.
21. **Resolved** – that the report be noted.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MEETING

22. The Authority considered the report of the Chief Officers' Appointments and Remuneration Committee meeting held 24 April 2009.
23. It was reported that in accordance with delegated authority the Committee had appointed Mr Philip Baker, the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services of East Sussex County Council) as Solicitor to the Police Authority with effect from 1 April 2010. Mr Baker would continue to be supported by the wealth of experience and expertise on police matters contained within the Legal Department at East Sussex County Council and Mr Baker's appointment would secure the benefits of continuity and familiarity with current policing issues.
24. The Chairman reported that Dr John Godfrey, who had been the Authority's Chief Executive since 2003, has given notice of his intention to retire in April 2011, to coincide with his 65th birthday.
25. **Resolved** – that the report be noted.

FINANCIAL OUTTURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

26. The Police Authority considered a report by the Treasurer, Chief Constable and Chief Executive.
27. The report set out a summary of the outturn position of the Police Authority for year ended 31 March 2010.
28. The Police Authority noted the satisfactory financial performance of the Police Authority in 2009-10 which reflected the good financial management of the Treasurer and the Director of Finance, and their respective teams.
29. **Resolved** – that
 - (1) subject to audit, the outturn position for the 2009-10 revenue budget, set out in section 2 of the report, and the 2009-10 capital budget, set out in section 9, be noted;

- (2) the transfers to and from reserves as set out in Sections 2.7, 4.1 and 5.1, be approved;
- (3) the Treasurer and Chief Constable be authorised to approve any subsequent changes as a consequence of the external audit and report these to the Corporate Governance Committee;
- (4) the prudential indicators report for 2009-10 following changes in accounting treatment for PFI be approved;
- (5) the budget transfers in section 3.1 of the report, actioned since the December budget monitoring report considered at the February 2010 meeting, be noted;
- (6) the items for further scrutiny by the Resources Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (7) the application of BCU funding (4.1) is noted; and
- (8) the financing of the capital programme (7.1) be approved

URGENT ITEM CARE FARMS

30. With the consent of the Chairman, Prof Gordon Bull reported orally regarding the opportunities for working with interns from Brighton University on work projects. As an example he referred to the work carried out by Ms Kirsty Brown, an intern from the University of Brighton, which had led to the production of a useful report and a proposal to undertake a pilot project in the area of Care Farms. A copy of a briefing paper was circulated to the meeting and is attached to the signed copy of these minutes.
31. **Resolved** – that the Chief Executive and the Chief Constable consider the business case for the use of interns on projects for the Authority and report back in due course.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

32. **Resolved** – that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information. The Police Authority approved an exempt minute on the South East Region Collaboration Programme.

Chairman