

SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY – 3 JUNE 2010

CONSTITUTIONAL REPORT

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Introduction

1. At its Annual meeting in 2009 the Authority agreed a new Scrutiny Committee structure which has now been in operation for just under a year. The Committees were aligned to reflect the three strategic pillars of the Local Policing Plan, with three scrutiny committees responsible for Resources, Neighbourhood Policing and Protective Services. The membership of the various Committees of the Authority were then constructed to reflect members lead roles and wider responsibilities. It is therefore not proposed to make major changes in 2010-11 to the membership of Committees or lead member roles to enable members to continue to develop their understanding and engagement in the various aspects of policing. The proposed membership of Committees and other responsibilities (with any changes shown in bold at Appendix A) will be circulated at the meeting for approval.

Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees

2. The Authority's Standing Orders provide that "the Police Authority shall, at its Annual Meeting in each year appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each of the Committees for the ensuing year". Accordingly the schedule referred to at Appendix A sets out the proposed Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for each of the committees for the ensuing year.

Serving Sussex 2015

3. Further to the previous discussions with the Authority at its meeting on 15 April about the Serving Sussex 2015 programme, discussions have now taken place between the Chief Executive, Chief Constable and Treasurer regarding how the Authority will work with the Force in respect of Serving Service 2015. A governance structure for the programme has been agreed and a copy is attached at Appendix A to this report. The Chairman will chair the Strategic Board, with the Chief Constable as the principal adviser. Other members will be involved in particular work streams as appropriate. It is intended that individual members will be identified as representatives of the Authority to match their Lead Member roles. It is also intended that as many members of the Authority as possible can be involved throughout the process. The Authority will also be represented at officer level on the Delivery Group and the Programme Team. The Strategic Board will meet monthly following the Chairman's Monthly Meeting and regular updates on progress will be made to full meetings of the Authority.

Members' Attendance Record

4. In accordance with agreed practice a schedule is attached at Appendix B setting out the attendance record of members at eligible meetings over the last year.

Timetable of meetings 2010-11

5. The proposed timetable of meetings for 2010-11 is set out at Appendix C. It is intended that, following the Authority's move to Sackville House, most meetings will be held in Sackville House. However the Authority will continue to meet at County Hall Chichester and Lewes, and Hove Town Hall as circumstances dictate.

Recommended – that

- (1) appointments set out in Appendix A, including the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as shown, be approved;
- (2) the governance structure for Serving Sussex 2015 set out in Appendix B be noted; and
- (3) the timetable of meetings set out in Appendix C be approved.

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