

## SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of a meeting of the Sussex Police Authority held on 15 April 2010 at County Hall, Lewes.

Present:

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Peter Bratton, Mr Faizul Faiz, Mr Ben Duncan and Mr Bob Tidy. The Police Authority also noted the apologies of the Chief Constable and the Deputy Chief Constable from the meeting.

The Authority extended their best wishes to both Mr Peter Bratton and Mr Bob Tidy who were currently in hospital receiving treatment, and wished them a full recovery. The Authority noted that Mr Bratton might be absent for an extended period and confirmed his absence accordingly.

### **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

170. The Chairman welcomed to the Police Authority Mrs Deborah Bedford, High Sheriff of East Sussex and Mrs Elizabeth Bennett DL, the High Sheriff of West Sussex.

171. The Chairman also welcomed Chief Inspector Mick Buckle of Hampshire Constabulary, Inspector Ivor Fabb representing the Police Federation, Superintendent Jane Rhodes representing the Superintendents' Association, David Paul Head of the Corporate Development Department, Superintendent Brian Bracher of the Corporate Development Department, Susan George, Head of Corporate Communications and Sarah Reed representing Unison.

### **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

172. No personal interests were declared.

### **MINUTES**

173. **Resolved** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Police Authority held on 11 February 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **REPORTS**

174. Copies of reports referred to in the minutes below are included in the minute book.

### **POLICE AUTHORITY INSPECTIONS**

175. The Chief Executive gave an oral report to the Authority on the recent inspection of the Authority by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and the Audit Commission. He indicated he expected to receive the draft report from the inspection at the end of April and that, subject to

the Authority's comments, the final report was due to be published at the beginning of June. The Chief Executive recorded his thanks to all the members and the officers of the Authority and Sussex Police who had participated in the inspection process for their significant contribution to the arrangements for the inspection. He particularly highlighted the excellent work undertaken by the Assistant Chief Executive, Mr Dan Steadman on the inspection process. The Chairman also expressed his personal thanks to Mr Steadman for the work which he had done in this respect.

176. **Resolved** – that the report be noted.

### **REPORT CARD**

177. The Chairman indicated that the item in respect of the Police Report Card would be deferred for consideration at the meeting of the Authority on 29 July 2010 which would give the opportunity for the matter to be considered by the respective scrutiny committees of the Authority. The consideration by the Scrutiny Committees would enable the Authority to examine in detail the relationship between the performance expressed in the report card and the performance reported by the Force.

### **CHIEF CONSTABLE'S UPDATE**

178. The meeting considered a report by the Chief Constable's on the activity within the Force since his last report to the Authority. Members drew attention to a number of issues within the report. In particular the Authority congratulated the Chief Constable on the outcome of Operation Reduction which involved the arrest of 66 people involved in handling illegal drugs in the Brighton and Hove area. The Authority was also pleased to note the success of the Virtual Town Hall question time event held at County Hall Lewes in January 2010. In addition to those who had attended the event it had also been webcast and had been viewed by over 100 people on-line. Consideration was being given to extending the format to other areas of the Force.

179. The Authority also congratulated the Chief Constable and Sussex Police on the successful arrest of armed robbers following a robbery in Chichester. The individuals had been apprehended within 54 minutes of the incident accruing following some exemplary police work in tracking the suspects from Chichester to Worthing, resulting in the successful arrests. The Authority thanked Sussex Police for keeping the local members advised of the progress of the incident. Reference was also made to the successful conference which had taken place on 14 April regarding Integrated Offender Management which had been attended by the HRH the Princess Royal. The conference had involved a wide range of practitioners in the management of offenders to discuss work across agencies in respect of restorative justice.

180. **Resolved** – that the report be noted.

### **SOUTH EAST COLLABORATION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

181. The Police Authority considered a report by the Chief Constable, Chief Executive and Treasurer. The report outlined the current position with

regard to the South East Region Collaboration programme and provided details on the current position regarding collaborative projects which had been entered into jointly with other police authorities and forces in the South East region. The Authority discussed the monitoring arrangements which had been put in place through the South East Region Oversight Board and were advised that regular reports would be submitted to the Authority's scrutiny committees as appropriate.

182. **Resolved** – that the progress being made on collaboration between police authorities and forces in the South East be noted and welcomed.

### **REPORT OF THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

183. The Authority considered a report by the Chairman of the Committee which outlined the matters considered at the meeting of the Committee held on 2 March 2010.
184. The Authority discussed the diversity and equality programme of work which had underpinned the Local Policing Plan, Serving Sussex, Policing Pledge and Hallmarks commitments. The quality standard for the Police Service had recently been introduced as a means of integrating equality and diversity into policing activities. The Authority welcomed the fact that the 2009 target (of 2%) for the proportion of BME employees within the force had been reached for the first time.
185. **Resolved** – that the report be noted.

### **REPORT OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

186. The Police Authority considered a report by the Chairman of the Committee which outlined matters considered at the meeting of the committee held on 16 March 2010.
187. The Authority considered the work of Sussex Police in tackling killed and seriously injured on the roads of Sussex, and reaffirmed its commitment to the Safer Sussex Roads Partnership (SSRP) as the key partnership in Sussex focused on casualty reduction. The Authority congratulated the SSRP on the significant amount of education and publicity initiatives carried out by the partnership. In this context reference was made in particular to the 'embrace life seatbelt' campaign, which although only recently launched, had now spread worldwide via the web. This campaign had given the SSRP international recognition for an innovative and impactful piece of work.
188. **Resolved** – that
- (1) the Police Authority commits to the SSRP as the key partnership in Sussex focused on casualty reduction;
  - (2) the lead members for Gatwick Airport and Counter-terrorism be asked to take specific oversight in relation to Section 44 authorisation and the resultant police action; and
  - (3) the Authority encourages further steps to be taken to ensure public safety at future bonfire celebrations.

## **REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

189. The Committee considered a report by the Chairman of the Committee outlined the matters considered by the meeting of the committee held on 17 March 2010.
190. The Authority discussed in particular the establishment of the Independent Monitoring Scheme for closed circuit TV (CCTV) usage by Sussex Police. The scheme had resulted from an identified need to provide an effective Independent oversight of the public place CCTV that is managed by Sussex Police. The introduction of this scheme reflected the concerns expressed at community engagement events and through general comment from the public. The Authority stressed the importance of the scheme in providing confidence to the public. The regular external scrutiny of the system would help to ensure that the use of public place CCTV was more widely accepted.
191. **Resolved** – that
- (1) the Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee be asked to arrange to meet the IPCC Commissioner from the South East to explore in more detail the role of the IPCC and the concerns of the Authority in relation to appeals processing and reports back to the Authority;
  - (2) the Authority expands its selection of independent CCTV monitoring volunteers to include young people, and receives twice yearly reports on the CCTV monitoring scheme.

## **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

192. The Committee considered a report by the Chairman of the Committee which outlined the matters considered at the meeting of the Committee held on 25 February 2010.
193. The Authority discussed the successes of Operation Crackdown, which had been initiated in response to public feedback about tackling anti-social driving in Sussex. The Operation facilitated public reporting of anti-social driving via a website or phone line. The Authority also welcomed the developments in the Community Engagement Action Plan for 2010-11 which included scrutiny and direction for the Citizen Focus and Diversity Branch.
194. **Resolved** – that
- (1) the Authority plays its part in publicising the excellent Operation Crackdown initiative;
  - (2) the Authority and the Force continue to ensure the Prevent agenda is addressed, with the lead member for Partnership Working having a particular focus on this vitally important partnership activity;
  - (3) that the Authority be proactive in influencing CDRP agendas; and

- (4) the role of the Authority and other bodies with regard to risk management and oversight be noted.

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

195. **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.
196. The Police Authority considered the Business Case regarding a possible collaboration project in respect of Air Support.

Chairman