



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

Chief Constable's Forum		
Notes of Meeting		
Date	Monday 21 st April 2008	
Time	10.00 am to 11.45 am	
Location	Conference Room, Brooklyn	
Chairperson	Chief Constable – H Orde	
Members	Deputy Chief Constable	P Leighton
	ACC Crime Operations	P Sheridan
	ACC Crime Support	A Finlay
	ACC Rural Region	J Gillespie
	ACC Urban Region	D McCausland
	ACC Operational Support	Rep by C/Supt K Eccles
	ACC Criminal Justice	D Harris
	Director of Media & PR	L Young
	Director of Finance & Support Services	D Best
	Director of Human Resources	J Stewart
	Legal Adviser	Rep by G Steenson
	Command Secretariat	Nichola Murphy
Apologies	ACC Operational Support	R Toner
	Legal Adviser	D Scott
Also in Attendance	Roads Policing	Supt R Marshall
	Analysis Centre	Graeme Telford
Note Takers	Command Secretariat	Executive Officer 1

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30/08	<p>Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>ACC Criminal Justice pointed out that he was listed as not attending the last meeting when in fact he did. The Note Taker apologised for this oversight.</p> <p>24/08 Review of Flexible Working Policy The Director of Human Resources informed the meeting the suggested amendments had been made. He expressed some concerns about the issue that officers and staff cannot be reverted back from flexi working without the officer's or the member of staff's permission and PSNI should take this issue back to PNB for further clarification. It was suggested this be raised at national level by ACPO. The Director of Human Resources will raise the issue of flexible working at next Workforce Modernisation meeting.</p> <p>The minutes were then agreed.</p>
31/08	<p>Actions Arising – 24/08 Review of Flexible Working Policy</p> <p>Add in a sentence about the Working Time Directive. Put Paragraph 4 into Paragraph 3 as 3(c). Clarify the statutory and discretionary aspects of the policy. Review in 6 months rather than 12 months.</p>
ACTION	<p>The Director of Human Resources is to investigate the implication of the policy further</p>
34/08	<p>New Police Museum (Sponsor Director of Finance and Support Services)</p> <p>The Chief Constable informed the meeting he had met with the Head of Museums for Northern Ireland. There is no strategy in place for Northern Ireland museums.</p> <p>The Director of Finance emphasised the decision on location is needed today as they cannot move forward on funding. The RUGC said there should always be a memorial garden. At a meeting held last July there was no decision on moving elsewhere and a presentation on the new museum was given to NIPB in February this year. A unanimous decision was</p>

	<p>made to locate the building at Brooklyn resulting in a loss of parking spaces and the need to find alternative accommodation for mapping.</p> <p>All in the meeting were in agreement with the paper.</p>
<p>ACTION</p>	<p>The Chief Constable is to communicate our agreement to locating the new museum at Brooklyn to the Chairman of the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC.</p>
<p>35/08</p>	<p>Corporate Risk Register (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <p>Inspector Billy McIlwaine enters the room.</p> <p>Inspector McIlwaine informed the meeting that there are no major changes since the last meeting and Criminal Justice has provided an update on their action to CCF 01 (Hate Crime).</p> <p>Inspector McIlwaine told the meeting internal audit commented that many risks are now past their sell-by date and there is no update on them. He explained that many of the dates were at the end of our financial year along with new planning objectives. All Heads of Departments and District and Area Commanders have been emailed requesting they look at their risk register</p> <p>The Director of Finance commented that the risk register should not be tied into specific dates such as year-end.</p> <p>On CCF 07 (Finance/Training) the Deputy Chief Constable informed the meeting IT costs for the new college had been estimated at £7.3m for capital costs.</p> <p>ACC Rural was concerned about the wording for CCF 09 (Corruption and Integrity). The wording is to be changed to <i>“There is a risk that we will fail to promote integrity and deal with corruption within PSNI”</i></p> <p>A District has reported that Niche implementation in relation to recording and clearance of crime is further exacerbated by the current protocols within PPS. The members noted that this was the only district to highlight this as a risk.</p> <p>Inspector McIlwaine pointed out that for the Statement on Internal Control the information risk is an additional requirement for instances of inappropriate access to information.</p>

	Inspector McIlwaine handed out a copy of the draft Annual Report on Risk Management.
ACTION	CCF 09 – Change the wording to “<i>There is a risk that we will fail to promote integrity and deal with corruption within PSNI</i>”
36/08	<p>Corporate Expenditure Report (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <p>The Director of Finance & Support Services presented the report noting that the net DEL projected under-spend was £10.6m against a budget of £957.1m. These figures are provisional and subject to amendment after the preparation of the final accounts and the audit by the Northern Ireland Office, which is planned to be completed by 31 May 2008</p> <p>Devolved pay budgets were under-spent by £5.5m against a budget of £527.8m. Overtime was close to breakeven with an overspend of £76k against a budget of £45.9m. Devolved Non Pay budgets were under-spent by £0.4m against a budget of £36.3m.</p> <p>Corporate budgets were overspent by £7.2m against a budget of £122m, the main pressure arising from normalisation work and the withdrawal of funding for EDRMS/Horizon projects. Other resource costs were under-spent by £2.2m against a £333.3m. The main pressure under compensation was offset by easements in other areas.</p> <p>Patten Non Severance was under-spent by £17.5m against an original budget of £30.7m; NIO transferred £6m from this budget toward the end of the year due to a significant under-spend.</p> <p>Capital Budgets were overspent by £2.1m against a total budget of £38.4m. NIO have confirmed that the capital deficit will be met from central funds.</p> <p>The Director of Finance indicated that the first year of resource accounting appeared to be operating in a satisfactory manner, with good communications between HQ, DCUs, Regions and Departments. The projected revenue out turn under-spend of £10.6m was consistent with the previous two months projections. However, until the audited year-end accounts are completed by 31 May 2008, the final position will not be known.</p>
	The Chief Constable closed the meeting at 11.45 am.