

Action: TOR to be amended to reflect the change	
Minutes & Actions	
Minutes of the previous meeting 23/4/18; change made to page 3 as per request of panel and agreed. Action log was updated accordingly	
Update Police Officer promotions process	
The application for priority postings to Derry City and Strabane is currently running and closes on 18/6/18.	
A briefing on the Strategic promotions for substantive Sergeants' paper that was brought to PBR. This led to a discussion around confidence in processes.	s.F40 s.F40(2)
went on to state that he is in a position to discuss comms with the Sergeants process is now ready for release	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a
The merits of running the Consts to Sgts process annually or every two years was discussed and it was not agreed if either was the preferred option.	
The tender out for the Superintendents process closed today with only one bid at the time of the meeting. This will allow for a September launch.	
All Police timelines in the document presented by were agreed. (Document available)	
Update Police Staff promotions process	
The Staff Officer process was discussed at the last SPEB and the preferred method of testing was decided. The process has now run and is closed	
There were 89 applications, down on the previous process and 61 successful after the paper sift. The interviews and presentations will start next Monday and there will be 2 panels sitting over 6 days. There are around 20 vacancies which include specialist roles. However, and the description of the process which include specialist roles. However, and the process which include specialist roles. However, and the process which include specialist roles. However, and the process will be 2 panels sitting over 6 days.	s.F4 s.F4 s.F4 s.F4

ACC Gray queried the makeup of the moderating panel; she wanted to ensure that in principle the moderating panels used in the police staff processes were similar in tone and style to the Police Officer panels. keen to have training in place for those carrying out the role. To be discussed at point 8 of the agenda.

asked the panel to consider arrangements for MOP ups as some staff members are on holiday and have made applications to have an extension. This has been supported by a formal request from NIPSA This led to a discussion around communication of notice of processes and consistency across all processes.

EO1 &EO2 process agreed

MOP up process will be allowed on this process due to

- Criticality and rationalisation of Police staff against PBR principles
- Working on a shorter time frame due to the above criticality and short lead in time
- Falling over School summer holidays

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excused herself and left the meeting

Methodology for Chief Inspectors Process

There have been 258 eligible applicants

Suggested approach would be a three stage application process

Stage 1 -Application form

Stage 2-Bespoke situational judgement test with top performing candidates progressing onto final stage Final stage -Operational brief and interview.

Process was previously delivered by COP. Consideration was given to previous process and the benefits of different styles of testing appropriate/ relevant for the rank. It was agreed to scope the following;

- Application form should be signed/evidence verified by supervising officer (Superintendent) then endorsed by C/Superintendent.
- Stage 2 Operational brief (Scenario based)
- Stage 3 media brief and interview

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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Strategic Promotions & Examinations Board (SPEB)

DATE: 05 May 2020

TIME: 2.00pm

LOCATION: Conference Call

CHAIRPERSONS: ACC Alan Todd

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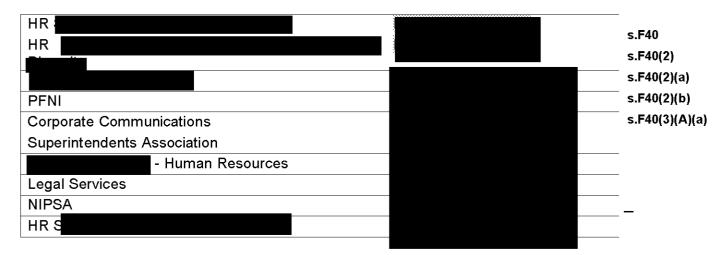
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MEMBERS:



OTHER ATTENDEES:

APOLOGIES:

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1.0	Apologies noted.	
2.0	advised that the only change on the Revised Promotion Schedule was in relation to Superintendents Process. There are also conversations ongoing around bringing the Chief Superintendent process forward to July/August. said that the dates are not yet confirmed and she will have further conversations with Chief Constable regarding this. asked if we could discuss regarding whether eligibility for process would be 1 or 2 years. states we should possibly be consistent with other competitions at around 1 year. said there were possible concerns around the loss of female Chief	s.F40 s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Superintendents. agreed that should proceed with 1 year's eligibility.	
	raised a query regarding release of the schedule to the service.	
	said schedule should be prepared for release as soon as possible and she will check with the Chief Constable regarding dates for Chief Superintendent's process so that this can be included.	
	agreed schedule will be released as soon as possible.	
	advised that had previously prepared a draft with input from	
	was content re previous conversation with	s.F40 s.F40(2)
	will link with later in the week.	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)

3.0 Covid Compliance List

asked if we could discuss the areas in bold. Clear screen may appear as a barrier and asked for some thoughts reference this.

asked reference skype as to why would skype not be available for all.

advised this was discussed previously and the view was that it should only be available for those in isolation and in UK Forces and unable to attend.

said this was discussed at SET and agreed that a socially distanced interview should be the main stay and consistency is more attainable with face to face interview. There is no assurance that technology would work or be available to all.

commented that he would have reservations about the use of skype and was nervous about possible corruption of the process. Quality Assuring of the process may be hindered.

advised that a sweep of the process needs to be carried out in case persons have a requirement to self - isolate. Persons may be in self isolation for 14 days and we need other solution as opposed to using skype.

said we would schedule in some additional dates in case.

asked do we still plan to use skype in regard to the candidate seconded in England.

we need some quality controls around this situation. What would position be if half way through the interview the internet lagged. Would need assurances for other candidates not using skype.

said there would be the potential for the candidate in England to use a local station where they would use skype and not from home location.

asked could a secure video link be used to candidate in England. Not sure if secure link has been procured yet.

take options off the table, a sense of controls is needed and need to link in with ICS for possibilities.

Sweep up dates would be best option.

will link with ICS

feels layout of room, screens possibly not the best option. Rooms used would be large enough to incorporate social distancing.

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agrees with QA/Moderation – is this taking place outside the room.

AT would like the room to be as close to normal as possible

- 2 person panel and the QA becomes more important
- Video link to another room or a room large enough to accommodate another person with regard to social distancing.

The Lisnasharragh Conference room which has been booked should be large enough for QA/Moderation in the room whilst adhering to social distancing.

- low tech option would be the best option.
- will look at the room and check the dimensions.
- asked about stand/sit option and bringing of own water.
- asked for any views. He advised he was nervous about persons needing to be told about the process etc and was not keen to deviate from previous processes.
- believes everyone should be seated. Keen that everyone should get details/paperwork pre interview via email for future processes as well.
- agreed with sit down unless physical requirement.
- will still have team there to do meet/greet and papers will be sent via email before interview.
- good to keep as close as possible to normal.
- are you envisaging same process for EO2?
- difficult to say at this time, numbers might make it more difficult.

 Hopefully will get locations to accommodate multi panels
- just wanted to put this on radar for consideration.
- will do, could not today commit to a specific way of processing this. Will keep an eye on this over weeks ahead.
- details will change for each process but the principals of covid guidance will sit at the core of each process.

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4.0	Promotions Communication Plan	
4.0	to confirm re fine details however the principal will be to give as much information available as soon as possible.	
	will schedule to go with the email from will get communication prepared.	s.F31
	this will be sent out as soon as possible when all has been prepared.	s.F31(1) s.F31(1)(a)
5.0	Sergeant Promotion List Appointments Can we go ahead and offer promotions at this stage(sgts) 33 (52 sgt vacancies If we move sooner then have potential for backfill or would we be better to wait on new TI list (possible July result – move in August).	s.F31(1)(b) s.F40 s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	any views?	3.1 40(V)(A)(U)
	Operational implications in moving now? Move as soon as on list in normal situation.	
	biggest implications would be around 33 moving from with no availability for backfill.	s.F31 s.F31(1)
	heed to see where the 33 are being taken from in list for	s.F31(1)(a) s.F31(1)(b) s.F40
	surprised if we would get majority of those accepting posts. have significant amount of Sgt vacancies – minimise disruption.	s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a)
	Operational – 91% availability – Covid shouldn't be part of the discussion. Keen to take recommendation to SET to proceed with promotions.	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	There are other ways to offset operational needs.	
	I would support that.	
	can we look to take paper to SET on Monday next week.	
	Federation content with these thoughts and it would be remiss of us not to take this forward now.	s.F40 s.F40(2)
	do we need to come back to SPEB or is it okay if SET agree then we proceed.	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	Yes I agree. Could housekeeping be done around the 0.59, 0.55 etc. and	s.F40(3)(A)(a)

	those figures are based on FTE – reduced hours and we will look at establishment figures.	
	we will look at this re housekeeping.	
	Housekeeping/proposal for SET and go forward.	s.F40 s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a)
6.0	AOB	s.F40(2)(b)
	Requests for C/I temp/acting up. Raised the issue re the situation currently around identifying needs at Superintendent level.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	we know there are a few gaps re movement/retirements. SPEB decision is to submit to SMAP for thoughts .	
	The meeting ended at 3.15pm.	



MINUTES OF MEETING

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NAME OF COMMITTEE: Strategic Promotions & Examinations Board (SPEB)

s.F31(1)

DATE: 24 January 2020

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9.00am TIME:

CHAIRPERSON:

LOCATION: A

ACC Alan Todd

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OTHER ATTENDEES:

Note Taker

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APOLOGIES:

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1.0	Apologies noted.	
2.0	Minutes confirmed and adopted.	
	No issues identified with previous minutes.	
3.0	Staff Officer and EO1 Promotion Lists queries whether it is likely that there will be vacancies or not. I confirms there will be but the list running until the end of the year may be more appropriate. agrees that there are a lot of EO1 vacancies but it would be better to extend until the end of the year as it is unlikely that the 27 will be used before June. considers that the number of vacancies at the minute is not enough to run a process and that there is no rationale around it. considers that there are 4 remaining on the Staff Officer List with one	s.F40 s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	current vacancy. There are other known projected vacancies that are being dealt with externally. There is organisation capacity to run a new SO process post Summer 2020. In light of the cons, the decision has been made to extend the list until 30.09.20. also considers that there is similar rationale with the EO1 list where there are 27 remaining on the list but few vacancies currently. There are a wider number of projected vacancies and the organisational capacity to run a new process is likely. On that basis, the decision has been made to extend the EO1 list until 30.09.2020. SPEB will review this decision in March whilst reviewing the promotion timetable for staff and officers.	
4.0	EO2 Promotion List States that there are 16 remaining on the EO2 promotion list and currently 263 applicants for the new promotion process that has recently been launched. Queries whether it will be top scoring 125 and ties? And and a confirm. States that they are trying to make as best use of the list as possible. Confirms that the remaining staff on the list have been sent emails about reapplying.	s.F40
5.0	Chief Inspector Promotion Process agrees that having slightly longer questions for this process is appropriate. confirms that the projection is 32. states that there are 230 eligible to apply but there is generally a low read of applicants as going from Inspector to Chief Inspector is not a high pay increase. adds that there is also significantly more work and responsibility attached. confirms the applicants must be one year substantive in the role of	s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)

	Inspector.	
	suggests that the rumours surrounding an Inspector to Superintendent promotion process may be forthcoming and that could be why people hold back from applying. agrees and adds that the majority of Inspectors are long serving and are unlikely to apply for promotion for their remaining years. suggests that a younger pool of candidates may make the step. agrees that there may be candidates willing to apply and complete one year as a substantive Chief Inspector then apply for Superintendent.	
	confirms that the process should be the exact same as the	
	Superintendents process. explains that there may be a slight departure with the operational brief if it is to be a one day assessment. responds with launching the process on this basis and putting a caveat on it. Should the levels of applicants exceed, this won't be able to run and suggests splitting the process. agrees and adds that by splitting it will be beneficial to candidates who may perform badly in the operational brief but will be able to do the interview on a different day and likely perform better. confirms that it is designed to run as a one day assessment (brief followed by interview) but if the number of applicants exceeds the organisational capacity then the process will be reconsidered.	s.F40 s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
6.0	Communication to Substantive Officers Entering Specialist Roles suggests crafting an issue of statement of intent to anticipate over the next year as vacancies appear. is in favour of not wanting all promotions to be from a list. suggests that the strategic intention would be for Crime Ops advertising a Di list and DS list. suggests inviting the Crime HR Partners to the next SPEB to provide a	s.F40 s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
7.0	better understanding in terms of promotion lists. to organise this. Inspector and Sergeant Promotion Lists	
	anticipates that both lists will be cleared by October 2020. wonders are you able to apply if you are sanctioned. answers no.	s.F40 s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	confirms that the argument is either to exhaust or expire the list and decides to exhaust the list. declares list closed and to exhaust it in June.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	deciales list closed and to exhaust it ill suffe.	

8.0 Inspector/Sergeant Promotion Process – re top scoring/pass mark suggests the clarity around the position taken last year and whether the same approach should be taken this time around. and pive clarity and agree that top slicing works, it was a well thought out process and that consistency is key. confirms that the Chief Constable is keen on using 1-5 as a scoring matrix. adds that there is a challenge around using the full range of scores as 6 & 7 aren't used. **a** agrees but states 1-7 is good if used properly. confirms to leave the scoring as 1-7 but add subject to review. wonders are the panel content with using the same competencies and values? states that stage 2 will be subject to review in terms of which Values and Competencies will be used. declares to release the whole document but add Subject to Confirmation. Values and Competencies to be agreed at the next SPEB meeting. 9.0 AOB No other business to discuss. The meeting ended at 10.30am

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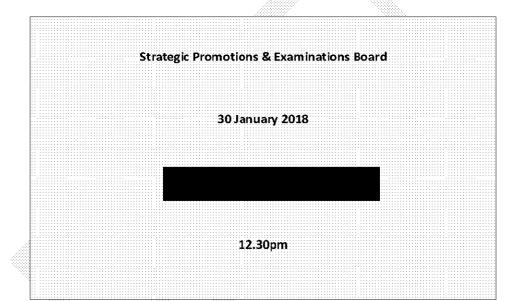
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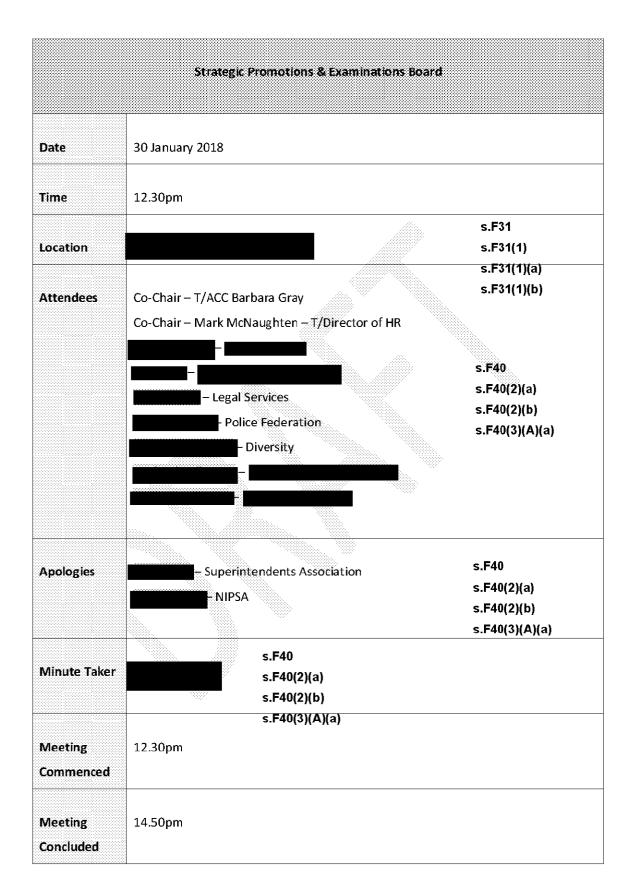
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MEETING MINUTES



Minutes of Strategic Promotions and Examinations Board

1. Introductions and apologies

Introductions and apologies noted.

ACC Gray commented that this was the second meeting in a row without representation from SANI and NIPSA. ACC Gray advised to encourage their attendance due to the possible difficulties that may arise.

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2. Review of previous minutes

ACC Gray began by reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes should be labelled "Meeting Notes" due to the lack of in-depth detail around what was discussed. Specific reference was made to Item 4 ("Review SPEB TOR") with clarifying that this discussion concerned clarity around the role of SPEB, the responsibilities of SPEB going forward, potential overlap with PBR and RDG, and the importance of decision making.

ACC Gray also expressed concern that some of the previous minutes were still in draft format and that they needed to be reviewed and finalised to ensure accuracy. ACC Gray stated this should be done as soon as possible as the documents are fully disclosable.

ACTION: and to review minutes from previous meetings and finalise.

3. Review of action register

02/17 – Update provided by and email attached. On track for April 2018. Work ongoing around details and content, with validation being sought from Legal and Operational standpoints to ensure relevance. also advised that a closed environment is needed to test and validate, but COP will be involved and checks will be in place to ensure integrity.

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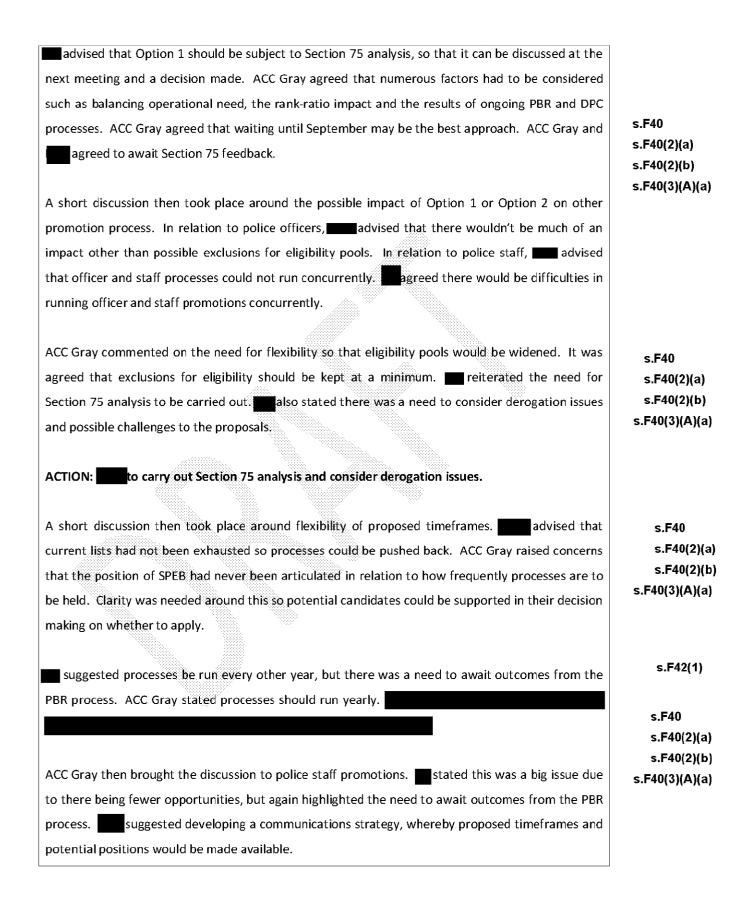
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03/17 – TOR updated and agreed. Action closed. New action to review TOR at the next meeting.	
ACTION: TOR to be reviewed at next meeting.	
09/17 – action closed.	
10/17 – action closed.	
11/17 – action closed.	
12/17 – action closed.	
13/17 – to be discussed on the main agenda.	
14/17 – action closed.	
15/17 – action closed.	
16/17 – action closed.	
17/17 – action closed.	
18/17 – action closed.	
19/17 – action closed. Approach being ratified by PBR processes.	
20/17 – action closed. Briefing schedules for moderators to be delivered before the next process.	
4. Update on police/staff promotions	
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A discussion then took place around the size of merit lists. ACC Gray and stated that more s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) frequent processes with shorter merit lists would be beneficial. — argued that issues may arise s.F40(2)(b) around operational currency and the impact of study time, but there was a need to balance this with s.F40(3)(A)(a) individual career planning. also noted that regular processes would have an impact on resources and there may be disruption on services due to study time and annual leave. ACC Gray stated a framework should be put together to facilitate discussions with SET. It was agreed that SPEB are supportive of more regular processes but all options need to be assessed. ACTION: options paper to be put together outlining the advantages and disadvantages of annual or biennial promotion processes. The conversation was then brought round to staff promotions. stated staff processes have s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) been tendered. ACC Gray queried predicted numbers but and acceptant and stated this was not known s.F40(2)(b) due to the need for all officer and staff vacancies to be ratified by PBR. s.F40(3)(A)(a) s.F42(1) ACC Gray queried the eligibility criteria for staff processes. Italianted this was ongoing but alignment s.F40 was needed between officer and staff processes. s.F40(2)(a) ACC Gray queried if individuals who are s.F40(2)(b) temporarily promoted can apply for the rank/grade above their temporary role. s.F40(3)(A)(a) possible. summarised by stating the generic processes will allow vacancies identified by PBR to be filled s.F40 and that the running of the EO1 and EO2 processes are dependent on the timing of the Supt process. s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) ACC Gray acknowledged that there is scope for much officer and staff movement in 2018. s.F40(3)(A)(a) also stated that an external AO process has been approved which will allow pull through for the other staff promotions. left the meeting at 1330hrs. ACC Gray asked if there was anything else outstanding in relation to staff promotions. s.F40 that Section 75 analysis was to be carried out and proposed timeframes agreed. added that the s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a) Strategic Promotions and Examinations Board

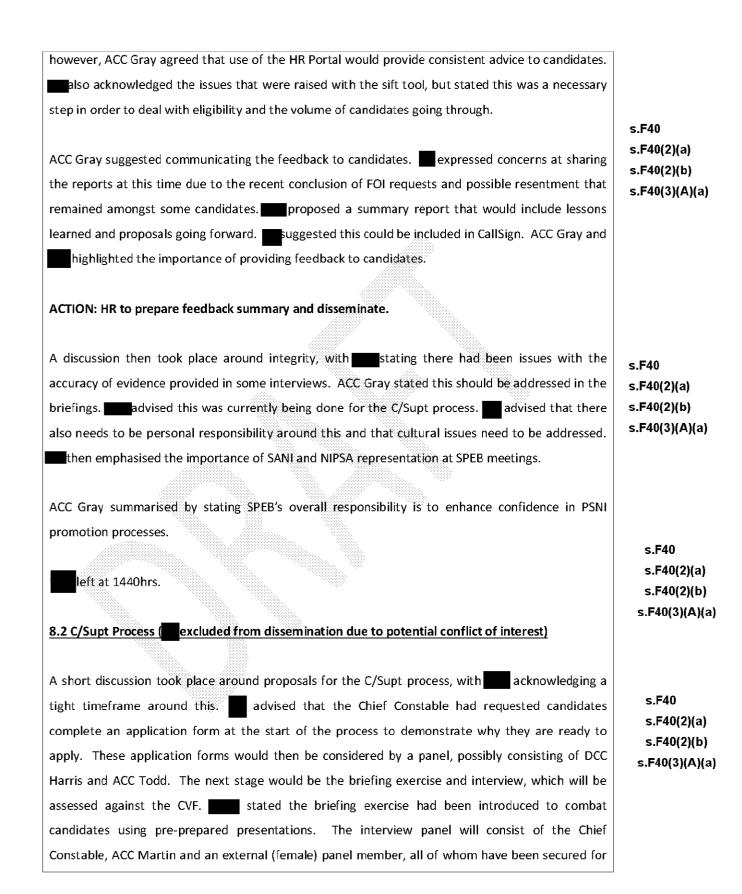
generic processes for EO2 through to staff officer and specialist processes for DP and above have	
been agreed with NIPSA.	
6. Use of derogation for current lists	
Update for Sergeant and Inspector merit lists provided by and attached.	s.F40
procedures are currently in place for HMSU and that work is ongoing in relation to Crime Ops.	s.F40(2)(a)
	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACC Gray queried the criteria for derogation. advised that it was very loose, with criteria such as	5.1. 10(0)(/1)(u)
organisational need, existing training, potential cost implications, proposed timeframes and Article 2	
requirements.	s.F42(1)
Potential impacts of derogation were then discussed, such as candidates higher up a merit list being	
promoted at a later date. This could result in the individual being disadvantaged financially and may	
also impact their eligibility for future promotion processes.	
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A number of mitigations were then put forward, such as the need to retain specialist skills and how	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
all candidates are eligible to apply for priority positions before derogation is considered.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
also suggested relevant candidates being temporarily promoted until they receive a substantive	
offer.	s.F42(1)
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then noted that the majority of derogations applied to males and Crime Ops. also noted that	
individuals promoted via derogation in previous processes will be derogated this time round as well.	
stated that if the same candidates are derogated through multiple promotion processes then this	
could lead to diversity issues. also added that gender inequality may be an issue going forward.	
ACC Gray countered this by referencing positive action processes.	
departments would continue to be dominated by a specific gender, regardless of the work of	
positive action groups.	
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stated that there needs to be reform,	
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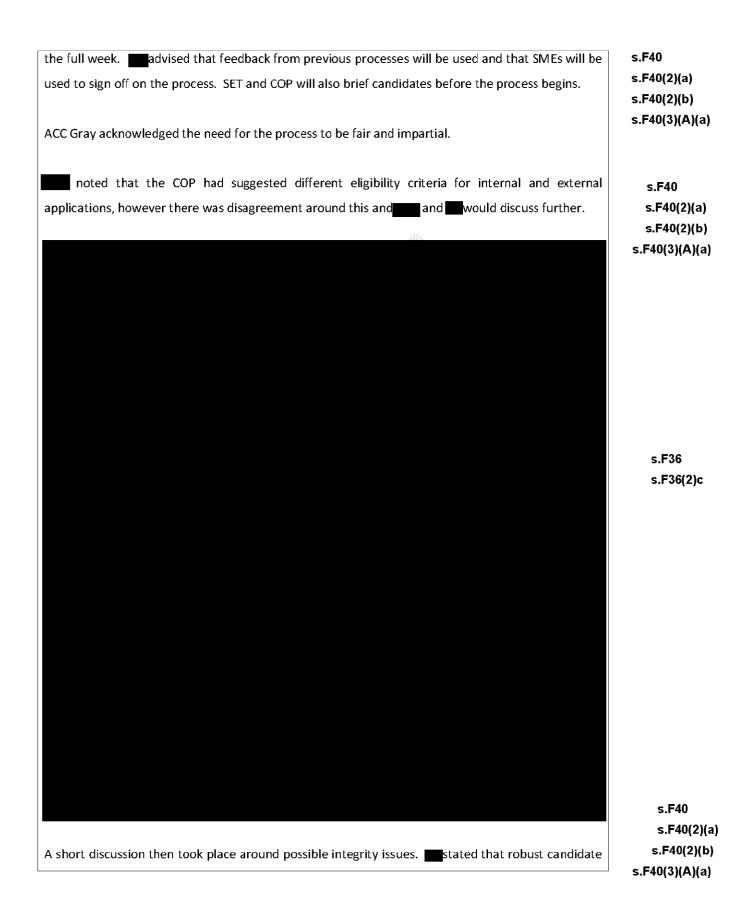
and acknowledged that specialist functions have already started to address the issue. s.F40 The discussion then turned to the use of derogation going forward. s.F40(2)(a) practice whereby issues are mitigated through operational need. ACC Gray noted the need to s.F40(2)(b) continue managing risks and acknowledged DOJ guidelines for operationally critical posts to be filled s.F40(3)(A)(a) by specialist knowledge and skills. also noted that derogation is fully accountable, having been signed off by SMT and RDG. ACC Gray acknowledged that more clarity is needed before a decision can be made. ACTION: clarify and approve SPEB position on use of derogation for promotions. 7. Management of DDA officers on Insp/Sgt lists It was agreed that specific guidelines are to be circulated and brought back to SPEB for discussion. s.F42(1) s42(1) 8. AOB 8.1 Feedback reports Update provided by the hold feedback reports attached. A short discussion took place around the s.F40 identified areas for improvement and how these would be used going forward. s.F40(2)(a) importance of acting on this feedback to ensure success in the future.

also mentioned how s.F40(2)(b) promotion processes can have a detrimental impact on candidates, and reiterated the DCC's s.F40(3)(A)(a) comments that individuals should be critically examined for suitability. suggested a number of proposals going forward, such as live-time feedback and effective use of the HR Portal. ACC Gray expressed scepticism around live-time feedback as candidates aren't aware

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of their results at the time and their feedback may not be reflective of their overall performance;





briefings were needed and that the interview panel needed to be briefed accordingly. stated it is the responsibility of the panel to actively probe candidates and deal with any issues at the time. If queries arise during the scoring process then these should also be dealt with immediately. ACC Gray agreed, and also suggested that the panel could probe candidates further at the end of the interview to ensure validity of responses.

stated he will amend the briefing papers accordingly to reflect the above.

ACTION: to ensure briefing papers include reference to integrity issues.

ingly to reflect the above.

9. Conclusion

ACC Gray concluded the meeting at 1450hrs.

Date of next SPEB meeting to be agreed.

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ONGOING ACTION REGISTER

Current	Ongoing	Closed	Closed
Update on Action	Update provided and email attached. Study Guide on track to be ready for release in April 2018. Further update on progress to be provided at next meeting.	TOR updated and agreed. Action closed at meeting on 30 January 2018. New action allocated to review TOR at next meeting (Reference 02/18).	Candidate feedback for the Sergeants and Inspectors processes has been provided by the College of Policing. Action closed at meeting on 30 January 2018.
Agreed Action To Be Taken	Working group to be set up to review study guide and discuss curriculum and delivery of future promotion exams	Update to reflect the changes within HR – new members to group	Lessons learned to be circulated at the end of the process
Subject	Study Guide	Terms of Reference	2016/2017 inspectors Promotion Process
Date Action Agreed	07/02/2017	07/02/2017	28/06/2017
Owner	PSNI College/ HR	£	HR/Feder ation
Ref	02/17	03/17	09/17

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Closed	Closed s.F40(2) s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)	Closed
COP costings discussed and action closed. Discussions around seconding in an Occupational Psychologist and how the Chief Supt processes was likely to go to COP as timeframes were too tight to go externally.	Action Closed. Discussions around Specialist Posts definition paper, Job Families presented to DCC, suggestions of running processes together as agreed at SET. Groupings down with full consultation with Heads of Business. Discussion around some form of sift which may need to go to PBR. confirmed there has been no decision on methodology at this time.	Action discussed
Costings for each process CoP have been involved in to be confirmed	A specialist post definition paper is to be progressed	Male and female ratios to be provided for info, as well as community background
College of Policing Costs	Specialist Police Roles	Diversity breakdown of applicants to 2017 Sergeant's process
28/06/2017	28/06/2017	28/06/2017
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Ongoing	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Staff Promotion Processes - Staff Processes	Subject to review of future processes	Updated provided, and action closed at meeting on 30 January 2018.	To be discussed at Agenda item 8	ACC Gray reviewed papers and sent decision to Head of Internal Resourcing
Draft of proposed promotion schedule to be provided	s.F42(1)	■ to review the Sergeants Process for lessons learned and report back	Promotion schedule for Police Officers still to be devised and made available	Review of process of determining merit order for tie scores in the previous Sergeants process
Staff promotion processes	Rank recognition in GB	2016/2017 Sergeants Promotion Process	Police Officer promotion processes	2014/2015 Sergeants Promotion Process
28/06/2017	28/06/2017	02/10/17	02/10/17	02/10/17
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Closed	Closed	Closed	Ongoing	Ongoing
Action closed at meeting on 30 January 2018.	Approach being ratified by PBR processes. Action closed at meeting on 30 January 2018.	Briefing schedules for moderators will be delivered before the next process. Action closed at meeting on 30 January 2018.		
Related to Action 09/17 – ACC Gray to send papers to attach to this document	Related to Action 11/17 – Head of HR ACC Gray and T/Director of HR to meet and discuss with DCC the SPEB and PBR relationship and roles	Head of HR to review role of Moderators	and to review and finalise previous minutes for all SPEB meetings	TOR to be reviewed at next SPEB meeting
2016/2017 Inspectors Promotion Process	Specialist Police Roles	Governance Moving Forward	Review Previous Minutes	Terms of Reference
04/10/17	04/10/17	04/10/17	30/01/18	30/01/18
ACC Gray	HR –	HR –	HR - 8	SPEB
18/17	19/17	20/17	01/18	02/18

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Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
to carry out Section 75 analysis and derogation issues to be considered	Options paper to be put together outlining the advantages and disadvantages of annual or biennial promotion processes	Clarify and approve SPEB position on use of derogation for promotions	HR to prepare feedback summary and disseminate	to liaise with COP and change scoring system for C/Supt process
Promotion Timelines	Promotion Timelines	Promotion Derogation	Feedback Reports.	Scoring System for C/Supt Process
30/01/18	30/01/18	30/01/18	30/01/18	30/01/18
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03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18

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Ongoing to ensure C/Supt briefing papers include reference to integrity issues **Briefing Papers for** C/Supt Process 30/01/18 HR – 08/18

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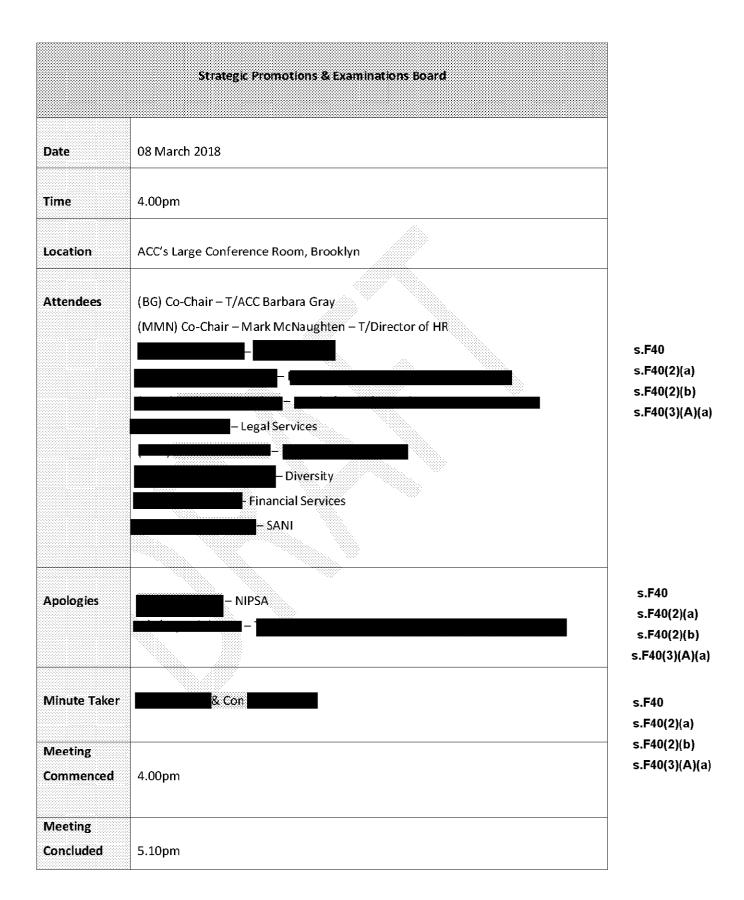
Strategic Promotions & Examinations Board (Extraordinary Meeting)

08 March 2018

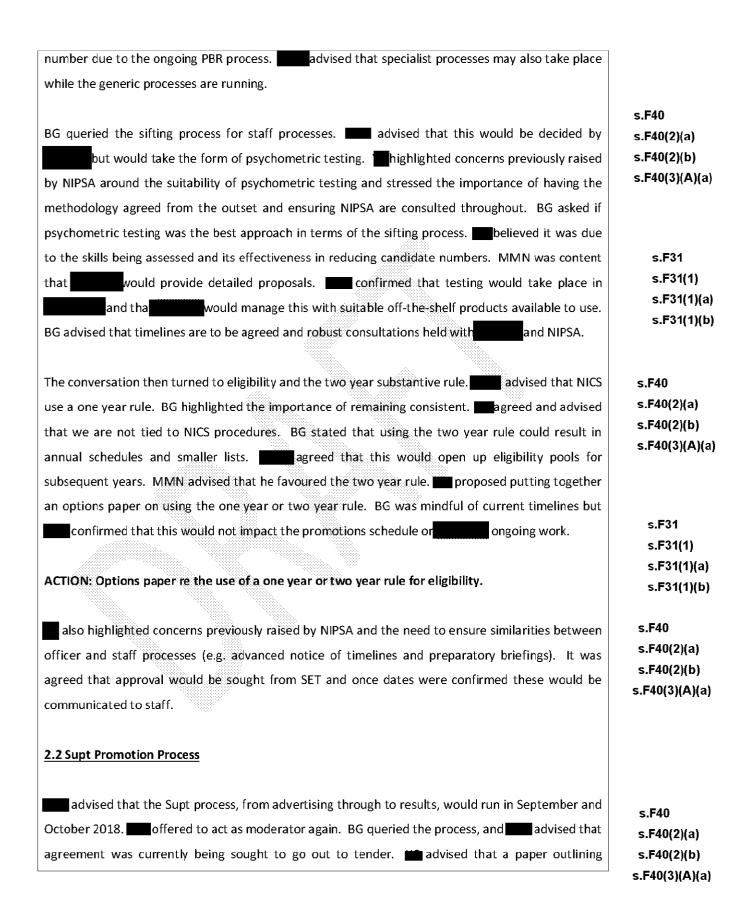
ACC's Large Conference Room, Brooklyn

4.00pm

MEETING MINUTES



Minutes of Strategic Promotions and Examinations Board 1. Introductions and apologies s.F40 Introductions and apologies made. It was acknowledged that the had excused himself due to a s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) potential conflict of interest in relation to the C/Supt promotion process. s.F40(3)(A)(a) 2. Review the impact of termination of C/Supt process on future promotion schedules s.F40 started by declaring a conflict of interest in relation to the Supt process. The group then agreed s.F40(2)(a) to focus on confirming the proposed timelines for generic Staff Officer, EO1 and EO2 processes to s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a) take place in May/June and the Supt process to take place in September. | Highlighted a concern whereby there would no longer be any pull through due to the termination of the C/Supt process and that this would have an impact on potential vacancies. s.F31 s.F31(1) 2.1 Generic Staff Promotion Processes s.F31(1)(a) s.F31(1)(b) s.F40 discussed the current position regarding generic staff promotions. He advised that the contract s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a) Officer process first, followed by the EO1 and EO2 processes in tandem. BG asked if the processes would be measured against the CVF. advised that a decision was needed around this. A discussion then took place around generic processes being open to staff in specialist posts. MMN s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) confirmed that previous processes were open to all, regardless of specialism. highlighted s.F40(2)(b) lessons learned from previous processes which resulted in the loss of specialist posts. s.F40(3)(A)(a) that there was no mechanism to backfill specialist posts lost to generic processes. BG advised that a suitable mechanism should be explored. expressed concern that staff in Fingerprints Branch undergo a five year training programme and these posts could be lost to generic processes. s.F40 The group then discussed eligibility pools and potential vacancies for the staff processes. s.F40(2)(a) highlighted the previous processes and advised that similar numbers could be expected again. s.F40(2)(b) also highlighted current vacancies at each grade but advised that it was difficult to confirm an exact s.F40(3)(A)(a)



deadlines was to be brought to SET on Friday 09 March 2018.

then discussed current vacancies at Supt rank and explained how several posts were over establishment. Also stated there would be no pull through due to the termination of the C/Supt process and that some posts may be lost as a result of the DPC review. BG advised that the DPC review is due in September/October and this will confirm vacancies. It was agreed by all attendees that the Supt process should run in September to widen the eligibility pool and allow the PBR and DPC reviews to run their course.

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2.3 C/Insp Promotion Process

expressed concern that the C/Insp process, which is due to start at the end of 2018, may conflict/overlap with the re-running of the C/Supt process. This is due to correspondence from the Chief Constable where it was advised that the C/Supt process would be advertised late 2018 and run early 2019. also advised that these proposed timelines may raise eligibility issues for the C/Supt process as some officers will be completing their two years substantive period in February 2019.

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MMN queried if there was a pressing need to run the C/Insp as planned. advised that there were currently 19 vacancies. MMN agreed that the process should run as planned. A discussion then took place around holding the C/Insp process in January 2019 and the C/Supt process in March 2019 or vice versa. It was agreed that there should be no overlap of competitions and that consideration to eligibility pools and Section 75 analysis should be undertaken.

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ACTION: Options paper re potential dates for C/Supt and C/Insp processes.

2.4 Summary

All attendees agreed that the dates for generic staff processes and the Supt process had been confirmed in principle and that dates for the C/Supt and C/Insp processes were to be confirmed. BG highlighted the importance of confirming the promotions schedule for 2018/2019. MMN advised that he was keen to communicate processes where dates had been confirmed.

advised that SANI are keen for the C/Supt process to be re-run as early as possible, if the

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opportunity presents itself. BG acknowledged this and advised that it would be considered by	SPEB
going forward. BG also highlighted the importance of undertaking Section 75 analysis and ens	uring
the process is done right.	
BG then asked if there were any other processes to consider.	s.F40
processes would take place in 2019 and that comms were needed around this. BG asked if prop	oosed s.F40(2)(a)
dates could be brought for discussion at the next meeting.	been s.F40(2)(b)
considered and appointments planned for Autumn 2019s. BG advised that consideration should	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
given to study time etc. It was agreed that a paper be put together outlining these processes	s and
giving consideration to timelines, eligibility, vacancies and consistency (e.g. the sift tool etc).	
ACTION: Paper outlining overview of Sgt and Insp promotion processes.	
3. Capture learning from C/Supt promotion process	
	s.F40
advised that feedback had been collated and the issues reviewed. Details are as follows:	s.F40(2)(a)
	s.F40(2)(b)
	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
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	s.F36(2)c
3.2 Embedding an Occupational Psychologist within PSNI	
advised that it would be beneficial to embed an Occupational Psychologist within HR to pro	ovide
support in future processes. Im highlighted issues with the C/Supt briefings and stated meaning	
briefings were needed going forward. This approach would also allow the Occupational Psycho	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
to attend candidate briefings and address specific queries.	
the C/Supt process itself and highlighted the need for candidates to take personal responsibility	
3.3 Role of the moderator	

advised that clarity was needed around the role of the moderator and that methods of contact	
for candidates needed to be clearly defined. highlighted issues around face-to-face contact and	s.F40
how this can be perceived as unfair as well as putting the moderator in a difficult position.	s.F40(2)(a)
commented that other mechanisms, such as HR acting as a conduit, were needed. BG agreed that	s.F40(2)(b)
clarity around the role of the moderator was necessary.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACTION: Review and clarify role of moderator and return to SPEB to discuss and ratify.	
3.4 Application form and sign off	
highlighted issues around the application form and the need for ACC sign off. proposed a pre-	s. F4 0
launch conversation going forward whereby the candidate, their line manager and their ACC would	s.F40(2)(a)
discuss suitability and readiness. Following launch, application forms would then be signed off by	s.F40(2)(b)
line managers and one ACC who is not involved in the process. There would also need to be clear	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
instructions for candidates not to engage with SET about the process once it had launched.	
3.5 General points	
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- BG advised that an overall paper/checklist was needed to ensure consistency going forward.	s.F40(2)(a)
This should then be discussed, ratified and approved by union representatives at the next	s.F40(2)(b)
meeting. agreed that consistency was needed for all officer and staff processes.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACTION: Paper/checklist put together re lessons learned to ensure consistency going forward.	
- advised that consistency was needed in relation to the verification of evidence. BG	s.F40
referenced the Sgt and Insp processes and how feedback had also highlighted this.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
suggested that evidence is confirmed by line managers going forward.	s.F40(2)(b)
	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
- advised that clear instructions should be given to candidates in relation to raising	
concerns immediately so that they can be suitably dealt with within given timelines.	
- referenced the appeals process and that clarity was needed around this.	

3.6 Summary advised that SANI had arranged a meeting with candidates from the C/Supt process for w/c 12 s.F42(1) March 2018 to discuss learning. BG advised that the checklist would support the promotion schedule and ensure confidence going forward. MMN advised that this could be shared with SFB. s.F40 stated that the review and checklist is beneficial for restoring confidence. s.F40(2)(a) BG s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a) queried whether SPEB were responsible for derogations in generic and specialist processes. advised that governance lies with PBR for formal ratification. BG then advised that the date for the next meeting should be arranged so all actions can be brought back for discussion. BG and MMN advised that they would bring the proposed promotion schedule to SET on 09 March 2018 and that dates would be communicated to officers and staff if agreed. s.F40 noted that a moderator is used for Police Officer processes but not Police Staff and that there s.F40(2)(a) was a need to ensure consistency. Suggested including laws in SPEB or as a moderator s.F40(2)(b) going forward, to provide specialist knowledge of promotion processes. BG advised that there s.F40(3)(A)(a) needs to be fairness of opportunity around this but she was satisfied that current reporting structure through the Deputy Chief Constable would ensure fairness and transparency. s.F40 BG raised concerns around interview panels and stated members should be selected based on skills s.F40(2)(a) and to ensure consistency, not due to availability. It stated similar feedback had been received s.F40(2)(b) from the Sgt and Insp processes. advised that SMT buy-in was also needed around this. s.F40(3)(A)(a) A short discussion then took place around costings for the promotion schedule going forward. s.F40 also queried whether the College of Policing would be paid for their involvement in the C/Supt s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) process. advised that this was a possibility but a review would take place w/c 12 March 2018. s.F40(3)(A)(a) 4. Conclusion BG concluded the meeting at 1710hrs. Date of next meeting to be hopefully confirmed within the next three weeks.

ONGOING ACTION REGISTER

Current	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
Update on Action	Update provided and email attached. Study Guide on track to be ready for release in April 2018. Further update on progress to be provided at next meeting.	Staff Promotion Processes -Head of Internal Resourcing advised he is to meet with NIPSA this week.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
Agreed Action To Be Taken	Working group to be set up to review study guide and discuss curriculum and delivery of future promotion exams	Draft of proposed promotion schedule to be provided	and to review and finalise previous minutes for all SPEB meetings	TOR to be reviewed at next SPEB meeting
Subject	Study Guide	Staff promotion processes	Review Previous Minutes	Terms of Reference
Date Action Agreed	07/02/2017	28/06/2017	30/01/18	30/01/18
Owner	PSNI College/ HR	Ŧ	HR – &	SPEB
Ref	02/17	13/17	01/18	02/18

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to carry out Section 75 analysis and derogation issues to be considered	Options paper to be put together outlining the advantages and disadvantages of annual or biennial promotion processes	Clarify and approve SPEB position on use of derogation for promotions	HR to prepare feedback summary and disseminate	to liaise with COP and change scoring system for C/Supt process
Promotion Timelines	Promotion Timelines	Promotion Derogation	Feedback Reports	Scoring System for C/Supt Process
30/01/18	30/01/18	30/01/18	30/01/18	30/01/18
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03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18

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s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)				
to ensure C/Supt briefing papers include reference to integrity issues	Options paper re the use of a one year or two year rule for eligibility	Options paper re potential dates for C/Supt and C/Insp processes	Paper outlining overview of Sgt and Insp promotion processes	Review and clarify role of moderator and return to SPEB to discuss and ratify
Briefing Papers for C/Supt Process	Generic staff promotion processes	C/Supt and C/Insp promotion processes	Insp and Sgt promotion processes	Role of moderator
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08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18

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Paper/checklist put together re lessons learned to ensure consistency going forward	Strategic Promotions and Examinations Board Page 12 of 12
C/Supt process	
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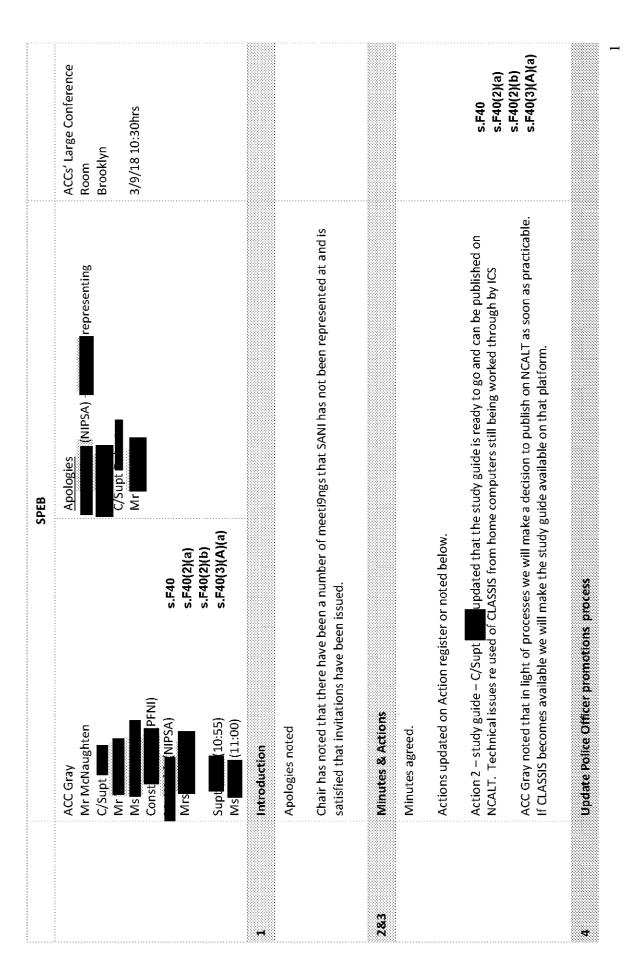
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2	Minutes & Actions
	Minutes of the meetings held on the 8th March, 28^{th} March and 30^{th} January were all agreed as true accounts of the meetings.
	Action log was updated accordingly
182	Update on Inspector and Sergeant & promotion process
	Update was carried over from the meeting held on the 28 th March 2018
s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)	provided the meeting with an update on the promotion schedule for the Constable to Sergeants promotion process Currently 178 officers on the list with a previously communicated assurance by the HoHR that this list would be exhausted.
s.F40(3)(A)(a)	further explained that he was satisfied that the list would be exhausted from analysis carried out by workforce planning and has considered the impact on the Sgts to Inspectors process and potential leavers. A discussion took place about vacancies and priority postings. Furthering scoping is being conducted in relation to the options for filling priority postings through SPEB then SEB. May be raised at SET away day on Monday.
	The College are developing a bespoke exam/ study pack this year. This is the first time there has been separate Sergeant and Inspector questions. College of Policing may be asked to validate the process rather than develop the exam; this would be the preferred process. ACC Gray asked was there any learning from the last process that needed considered for this process. It was agreed that if there was anything identified that the lessons learnt/experience will be clearly communicated to the applicants.
s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)	Anticipate Launch of process October 2018, exam February, interview April May and list available Summer. Discussion raised by ACC Gray in regard to the number of vacancies compared to the number on the list. provided a brief on numbers and the ongoing work of PBR.

s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)		s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)					s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACC Gray asked if there should be a scoping exercise carried out in asking Constables were they considering applying to gauge numbers. This developed into a discussion around demand, academic ability, scoring structure and validation through the COP. C/Supt	provided the meeting with an update on the promotion schedule for the Sergeant to Inspector exam. Launch in October based upon one year in the rank of Sergeant, SPEB considered this at a previous meeting based on section 75 screening. Eligible pool of 891.	Launch October, exam February and interviews April/May next year. Same three points to be changed in the timeline as raised by C/Supt	Discussion took place around the rank and makeup of the panels and the temporary aspect of a chief Inspector sitting on a peer's board; it was agreed in principal that Superintendents chair both panels with a substantive C/Insp and staff member.	Rationale for the substantive C/Inspector: It is important to be seen to be fair and that people have ultimate confidence in the process, the preferred way to ensure this is to have a substantive rank with experience at that level	S.F40 Action: need criteria drawn up for panels s.F40	Indication is that the existing Inspectors list will be expunged by Autumn 2019. s.F40(3)(b)	This arounds from unactional constraint the monthing hold on the 30th March 2010	Discussion refers to papers submitted by the one adopted by the COP this draft role profile was modelled on the

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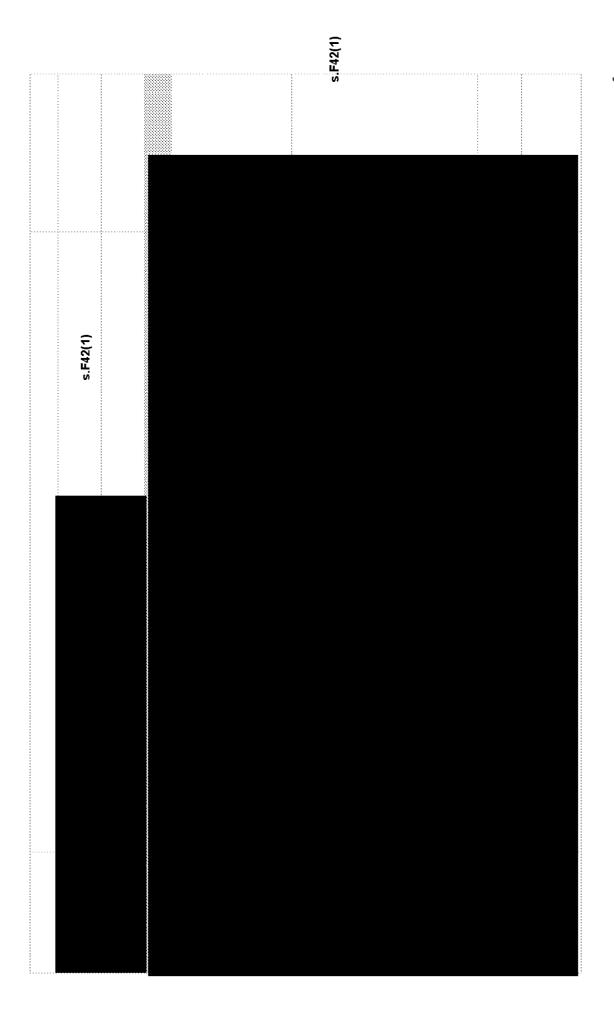
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Update on Police staff promotion process. EO1, EO2 and SO officer promotions were looked at and it was previously considered that there would be two stage testing until difficulty arose. First stage would be psychometric testing. This was going to be too costly due to the numbers. There would be a difference made in the process in so much that SO was classed as middle management whereas EO1&EO2 were not. Unseen presentation was considered the most cost effective way to process the SO role and the most appropriate for the particular role. Discussion ensued around the most effective way of reducing the numbers at this stage. Considerations made and agreed Psychometric testing ruled at SO level due to our stated desire to achieve timelines that have already been communicated to individuals.	Discussion followed regarding the sequence of this process and whether it should be delivered in two stagesone unseen presentation and interview or written submission moving onto interview or do we integrate stage one and two without any sift process? Based on the template that was used for the C/Supts process consideration is being given to a paper sift to be used.	

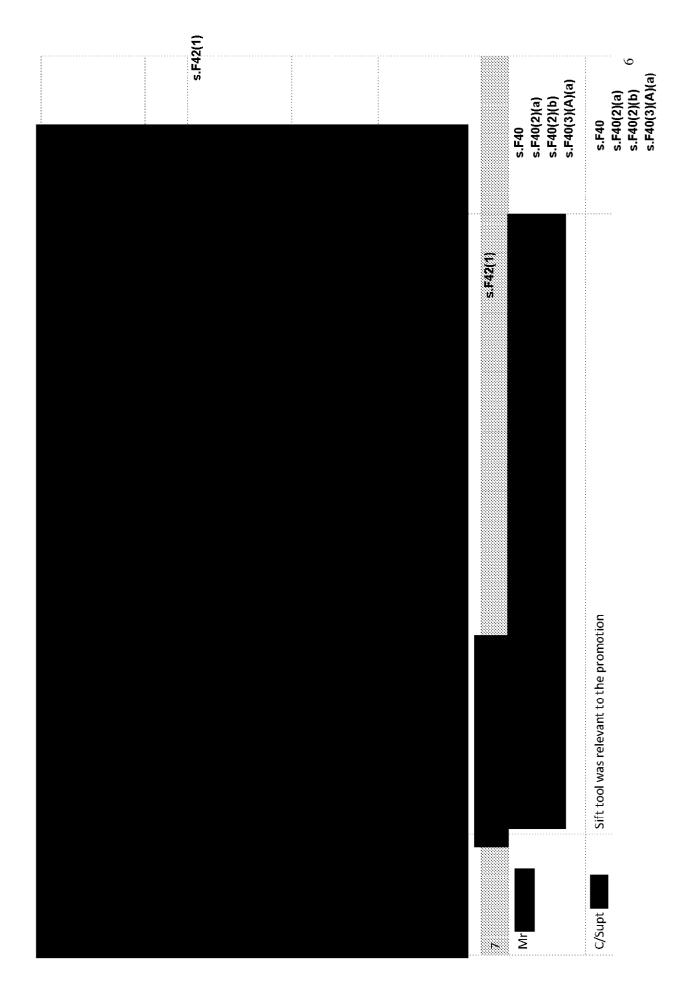


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	On schedule for February. Request that myself and ACC meet CC to brief on process we are adopting.	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	(2)(a) (2)(b)
	ACTION: Mr to link in with ACC Todd	ACTION S.F40	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	<u>Supts</u>		
	Process ready to launch subject to one paragraph		
ACC Gray	Mr McNaughten, Mr man and ACC to meet to ensure a review of what the process is, what decsions are required and how decisions have been reached	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	2)(a) 2)(b)
Mr	Described process for C/Insp to Supt	s.F40(s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACC Gray	Clarified if panel was to be 2 or 3 people for briefing. Was it to be a briefing to SET member. Should there be a staff member?		
Mr	Confirmed 2 people for interview panel, C/Supt (ACC	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)	2)(a)
	3 people for interview panel, ACCC/Supt and	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACC Gray	Confirmed that 3 competencies would be examined at briefing and 5 at interview		
Mr	Bringing in occupational psychologist support to shortlisting panel	s.F40 s.F40(s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
ACC Gray	Asked about scoring across 2 panels	S.F4(S.F4(s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)

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Mr	Can get his out today, role of line manager ism clear	s.F40(2)(b)
	<u>C/Insp</u>	s.r40(3)(A) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Out for tender at the moment, closes at the end of this week. Based on the principled we agreed at the last meeting. 270 people are potentially eligible. Hope to launch this process on November	
	Insps & Sgts	
	Provisional dates for exams have been picked and a range of venues reserved, 2/2/19 and 16/2/19. When the study guide is ready we can advertise	
ACC Gray	We need to have agreed every other step in this process to inform potential candidates	
۸r	We have agreement from this group that the top performers from exam will go forward.	S.F40
ACC Gray	Does this negate carry-over?	s.F40(3)(A) s.F40(3)(A) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
Mr	Running this in house this time, rather than using the College of Policing	s.F40
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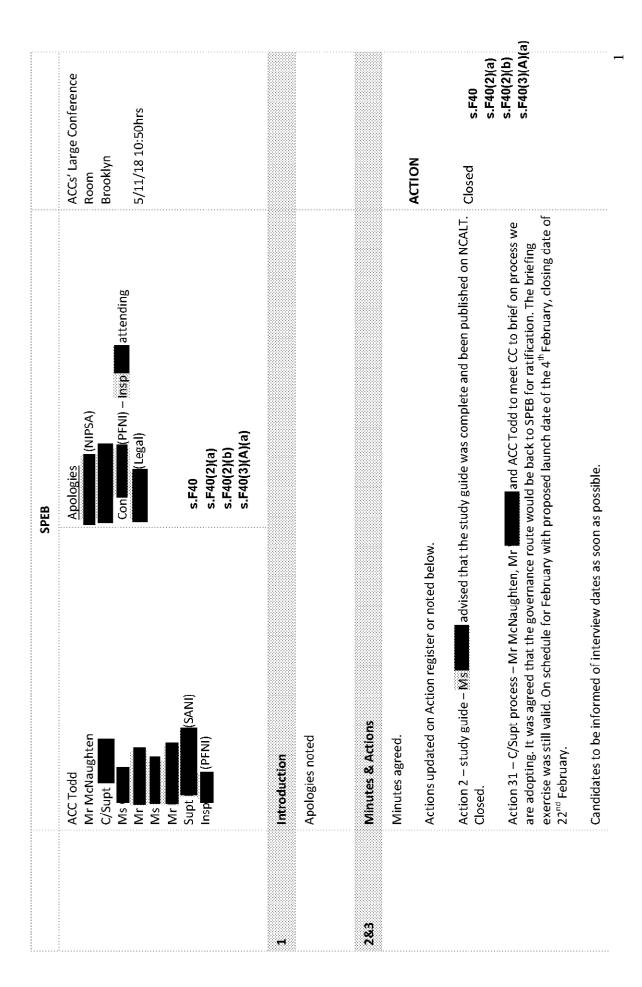




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Ms	There are many arguments for or against	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	
Mr McNaughten	486 gives you the maximum organisational opportunity	s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
Ms	I think we could advertise and state there will be further guidance	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.E40(2)(h)	
C/Supt	Could assist the process by including a lengthy commitment period	s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
ACC Gray	What is the organisation seeking to achieve? 3 years commitment period has already been agreed	reed	
	ACTION: Check the criteria re exam pass with LSB	ACTION	
Mr	S.F40 S.F40(2)(a) S.F31(1)(a) S.F31(1)(b) S.F31(1)(b)		
ACC Gray	some period of time.	is one of the areas of	s.F31 s.F31(1) s.E31(1)(a)
Mr	This list will only remain in force until we run the next general promotion competition for Sgts	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)	s.F31(1)(b)
	Police Staff processes	s.F40(2)(b) c.E40(3)(A)(a)	
Mr	We have put 100s pf people through processes, success as follows:	ייי דען אראועט	
	30 for Staff officer 9 20 projected vacancies	s.F40	
	63 for EO I (60 projected vacancies)	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	
	96 for EO II (110 projected vacancies)	s.F40(3)(A)(a)	

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	Will bring paper to next PBR Board. Specialists, such as CSI and FP experts will be within these numbers	experts will be within these n	nmbers
	Temporary promotions effectively have no posts to go back to as PBR is holding all the vacancies in a pool	PBR is holding all the vacancies	in a pool
		s.F40	
Ms	Staff are very keen to see where further processes are coming	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	
Mr	Useful to have list sitting, that vacancies could be filled from	s.F40(3)(A)(a) s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)	
ACC Gray	Our aim has to be getting a calendar out	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
Ms	Staff processes have been almost without complaint / appeal		s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
ACC Gray	We have spoken before about how we get people to come forward to sit on boards or panels	d to sit on boards or panels	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
Ms	We have previously discussed asking ACCs to nominate s.F40	40	
MAT.	s.Fv Discussed debrief from Staff officer process s.Fv s.Fv	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
	Communications		
ACC Gray	I would like us to be very clear when messaging re Con to Sgt and Sgt to Insp	Sgt to Insp	
	AOB		
	Nil.		
	Meeting ends 11:50hrs		



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		s.F42(1)
Þ	Update Police Officer promotions process	
Mr	<u>Supt</u> Ten found suitable at initial paper sift, with a further 22 following review by the Chief Constable.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	s.F42(1) Thirty one progressed to briefing/ interview, 8 successful.	
N.	C/Insp Described process for Insp to C/Insp. Tender received from Stage 2 will be a briefing exercise not a sift, it will be very similar to the Sgt In-Tray exercise. Possibility of 256 candidates. Should 200 apply it would take 3 works foot of exercise marking £110.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACC Todd	sake 5 paries over 5 weeks. Cost of external marking £ 14k. Sgt sift was IT literacy which was added during the selection process. Need to advertise the process up front. Should be paper not computer based.	s.F31 s.F31(1) s.F31(1)(a) s.F31(1)(b)
	Not launching the process then changing mid-stream.	s F40
Ms Mr	How much writing would there be Five areas, 4 pages for each area	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
Mr	No options , should be hand written – Journal and notebooks must be legible	

ACCTodd	Hand written, only exception by mitigation under reasonable adjustment	
	Need to agree preliminary process with top scoring going through	
	Need to confirm numbers	
	What does temporary promotion process look like if not enough are successful	s.F40
Mr	If the process is pushed back much more we will need to look at Sec 75.	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(2)(b)
	Include temporary process in candidate information booklet	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
Ms	to peruse	s.F40
C/Supt	Will there be a pilot?	s.r+v(z)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	s.F40(3)(A) Marking will need someone from a NI context e.g. moderating role if the Superintendent or above is not from NI	s.F40(3)(A)(a) r above is not from
Mr	Will ask question around moderating of stage 2	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
C/Supt	I will attend briefing and then moderate	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Next stage is media interview followed by interview	
ACC Todd	Not going to change the C/I process as new to the Chair	
Mr	Combine both scores to an overall score	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
C/Supt	Consistency of panels worked well for the Supt process, need to identify panels now	s.F40(2)(b)
ACC Todd	Consistency is vital	(a)(c)(c)
	Sign off belongs to SPEB	
	Widen the moderator pool	

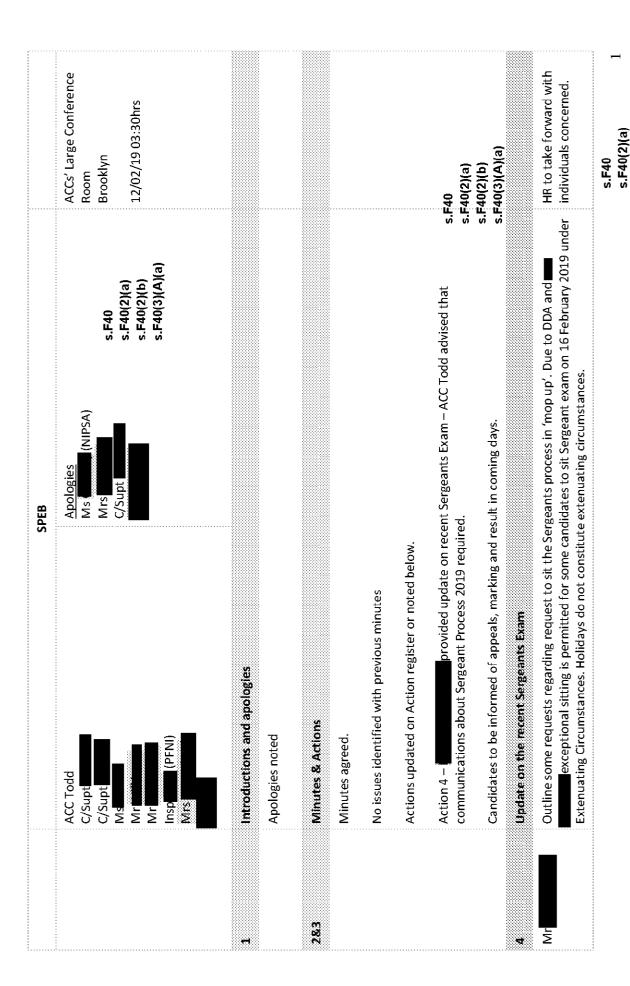
Mr	Email to be issued requesting volunteers	s.F40 c F40(2)(a)
C/Supt	Consistency of panels – Panels need to be told that they need to be available for the duration of the interviews	s.F40(2)(b)
Mr	Insps & Sgts	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Both processes launched on 31st October 2018.	
	Study guide available on NCALT with Sgt exam being held on 2 nd February and Insp exam on 2 nd March.	
	Full documentation regarding processes to be circulated within the next 10 days.	
	The current promotion lists are due to expire by Autumn 2019. Will not be using the new Sgt promotion list until after Summer 2019.	
Ms	Will be using Insp list before Summer 2019.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
C/Sup	Will top performers from exam will go forward.	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACC Todd	What are the expectations around numbers? If the processes were run on an annual basis we could manage the numbers. Should consider Sgt and Insp processes every year for the next 3 years.	
Ms	considering new structure within HR. Additional resources would be required to manage demand on HR.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	SPEB page on PoliceNet – No telephone calls	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Previously agreed that PSNI would run the promotion exams. Previously was a national exam.	s.F40
C/Supt	Previously exam was a national qualification	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
ACC Todd	Intend to run exam each year	s.F40(3)(A)(a)

Ms	Would need to establish level of difficulty	
Ms Ms	Exam each year would provide currency and be Section 75 compliant	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
ACC Todd	Need to manage officers expectations	s.F40(2)(b)
dsul	Would this comply with Regulations	s.r+u(5)(A)(d)
Ms -	Need to speak to Legal	
ACC Todd	 Projected gaps Comms advising of next 3 years Advise exam to be held in February each year No's required Exam doesn't carry forward 	
	This might spread the demand	
Mr	Need to advise of numbers going through before exam	
Ms man	Exam – What topics are the most important?	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
	Have bank of 300 written questions	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Validation panel – Being held in mid-November – Insp, C/Insp and Legal	
	Questions to be fair, relevant and answerable from the study guide	
	Sign off by Exams Insp / C/Insp and Legal	
	Don't have a pass mark – Take top scoring through	
		s.F40
C/Supt	One third pass interview	s.F40(2)(a)
ACCTodd	How many do we need? Success rate plus 10%	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)

	Need basis for decisions	
	Diversity impact	
	Narrative on 2 or 3 pages explaining the process from end to end, then forward to SET for buy in.	
Ms	Number of questions will have an effect on the numbers	
	Recommend 90 as long exam has a negative effect on those who are dyslexic	s.r40 s.F40(2)(a)
Mr	College of Policing use 120 questions	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
ACC Todd	Exam should be 90 to 100 questions	
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Mr	Commenced today with 79 to be interviewed	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
	Interviews in with two panels	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Supt moderating and meeting panels this morning	s.F31
	providing QA	s.F31(1) s.F31(1)(a) s.F31(1)(b)
ACC Todd	Numbers required?	
Mr	Whoever passes will be on the merit list, currently 11 vacancies	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
ACCTodd	When will the merit list expire	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
Mr	Same time as current Sgt list i.e. Autumn 2019	
		s.F40
		s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)

ACC Todd	Fill vacancies	
Mr	Brings in an extra 500 people. I will have to revise the communications piece to reflect this	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
ACC Gray	Process needs to be agreed and then put everything out	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
Mr	Inspectors, same as last year, 1 year (based on regs)	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
ō	Police Staff Promotions	s.F40(2)(b)
Mr	Staff Officer promotion offers have commenced with priority promotions identified. These require sign up to attain professional qualifications in	
	HR Financial Investigator Finance	
	EO1 – Posts must be sustainable and PBR approved with appointments in November / December	
	EO2 – Posts must be sustainable and PBR approved with appointments in January 2019	
	ASO – External appointments in January 2019	
	Derogation of Police Staff	
	Scientific Support – 3 Fingerprint Officers on SO list with 3 SO vacancies – Five year lead in time to become Fingerprint Officer	
	Driving School Manager – s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)	
	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)	L

Ms	Need to submit paper	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
ACC Todd	Needs to be a short document recording why	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
Ms	Use same derogation pro-forma as police derogations	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	AOB	S-T-VIORANG)
	Nil.	



s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)

Ms	We will always accept Extenuating Circumstances – organisational sympathy	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
C/Supt	Raised concerns about significant financial costs in relation to organising Sergeants exam on a Saturday	s.F40(2)(b) s-F40(3)(A)(a)
	Some candidates were paid overtime to sit the exam whereas some paid for costs personally to sit the exam such as travelling costs.	
	Needs to be more organisationally efficient.	
ACC Todd	Due to high number of candidates Saturday was chosen because of schools/universities being closed — in terms of using location.	
	Need to gather data from this exam, before making any decisions and think how can we improve it for next year in terms of logistics, financial costs and organising?	₩
	Report back to SPEB considering all aspects for future.	
5	Update on forthcoming promotion processes:	
Mı	S.F40(2)(a)	
	Gave an overview of C/Supt process It will run over two weeks – 6 days at the end of March into first week of April Expected 30 applicants to a max. So far no interest from external Police organisations CC's diary has been saved for C/Supt Promotion Process Panel members will consist of CC, DCC and an external member	
	Applicant pack very well received.	
C/Supt	Received positive feedback from the applicant information pack for C/Supt	
	Candidates like the way it has number of vacancies available.	
		s.F40
ACC Todd		s.F40(2)(a)
		s.F40(3)(A)(a) 2

N.	Briefing circulated from CC to be sent out by	1	to
Mr	S.F40 Chief Inspector S.F40(2)(a) S.F40(2)(a)		circulate
	Overview of the process Considering 3 moderators for the process Requires a female Supt for standby)(a)	s.F31 s.F31(1) s.F31(1)(a) s.F31(1)(b)
	Organised a teleconference on 22 February 2019 for Interview and Operational Briefing Exercise panel members. A member of the morning and OBE members in the afternoon for 60 mins.	e panel el members in	
ACC Todd	It is a requirement for panel members to attend general telephone briefing and briefing delivery on the morning of the process.		HR to advise panel members.
	Panels need to be told that they need to be available for the duration of briefing	s.F31	
Ms	There should be a hard focus on the confidentiality of the process.	s.F31(1)(a) Res.F31(1)(b) br	Reinforced by Briefing on the morning of
Σ	Currently communicated to assess 4 values/competencies for Operational Briefing Exercise	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	process.
	Considering to minimise it to 3 as previously done with Supt Promotion Process	s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
ACCTodd	Any risks of changing process?		
Ms	No risks identified as it is in the interest of candidates	S.F31	to
	Easy to prepare for less behaviours/values	1) 1)(a)	progress with
	Less work for Panel members therefore advantage to candidate and panel.	s.F31(1)(b) s.F40	
	Slighter risks in comparison to benefits	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	
		s.F40(3)(A)(a)	8

ACC 000	Draw up communication email for candidates- concern raised about those that may be absent and do not pick up amendment ahead of C/Inspector promotion.	ick ACC Todd	
c/Sup	Put a read receipt to capture those that may be on leave etc	HR to take Forward	
	No further objections s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)		
Mr	Inspector (will include update on current live list)	(a)	
	Overview of the exam 2 sessions (morning and afternoon) and accommodations and 2 sessions and 3 sessions (morning and afternoon)	s.F31 s.F31(1)	
	280 Sitting the exam	s.F31(1)(a)	
ACC Todd	What are the expectations around numbers? How many top performers from exam will go forward?	(a)(1)(a)	
	It was decided top 200 performing candidates will progress to interview stage of the process		
Z	booked for the month of May to carry interview for Inspector Process 2019	S.F40 c E40(2)(a)	
ACC Todd	Panel consistency is essential	s.F40(2)(b)	
	ACC Todd to mandate panel members for promotion processes for consistency throughout each process.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
Mr	Sergeant (will include update on current live list)	s.F40	
	s.F31(1) sooked for the month of June in advance to conduct interviews s.F31(1)(a)	s.r40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)	
	Working on determining panel members for interviews	s.r4u(3)(A)(d)	
5	Update on staff promotions:		
Mr	Staff officer list – 15 promoted of the list.		
		s.F40 s F40(2)(a)	
		s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)	4 (a)

ACC Todd	Derogation HR decision rather than board No specific criteria just use SMAP principles as it's a promotion issue Discussion took place around setting the parameters of the derogation approach and ratifying the approach at SPEB.	HR to provide derogation guidance and parameters for sign off.
S.F40 S.F40(2)(a) S.F40(2)(b) S.F40(3)(A)(a)	EO1 appointments Working on specialist appointments therefore no movement on this list.	to draw up draft schedule
ACC Todd	Branch Heads need communication around the movement of EO1/EO2 lists. Target the wider organisation as communication is important.	and to draw up comms
Ms ·	Schedule of promotions to be brought to next board meeting for ratification. S.F40(2)(a) S.F40(2)(b)	and
Mr. 7.	EO2 List s.F40(3)(A)(a) No movement on the list s.F40(2)(a) communications s.F40(3)(A)(a)	
8	PFNI reiterated the requirement to publish the next process well in advance by planning ahead — It helps people with studying -	
Ms Ms	Discussion around requirement for panel members to be substantive. Need to research and review organisational policy to identify what the organisation's position is. If agreement to support temporary promoted panel members – need to ensure they have been through selection process for temporary promotion.	HR to bring back to SPEB

s.r40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)

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s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)

Panels to inform if they have family members participating in the process therefore a field needs to be added on application form to declare relationships such as partners, co-habitants, family members or friends Discussion took place regarding external advertisement for promotion training within PSNI premises and whether there was policy/guidance around this. advised that at the Chief Superintendent's briefing it was reiterated that external training providers should be used with caution. The organisational position regarding external training advertising on PSNI premises was unclear and needed to be checked with PSD.	to address with SANI Federation and NIPSA	
whether there was policy/guidance around this. was reiterated that external training providers shreamly regarding external training on PSNI providers.	g in the process therefore a field needs to be added ers, co-habitants, family members or friends	HR to look at inclusion within application forms
	rement for promotion training within PSNI premises and advised that at the Chief Superintendent's briefing it rould be used with caution. The organisational position remises was unclear and needed to be checked with PSD	Liaise with PSD to raise the issue regarding internal
s.F40(2)(a)		training for promotion processes.

s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)



MINUTES OF MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Strategic Promotions & Examinations Board (SPEB)

DATE: 12 November 2019

TIME: 10.30am

LOCATION: ACCs Large Conference Room, Brooklyn

CHAIRPERSON: ACC Alan Todd

MEMBERS:

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Co-Chair of SPEB				
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				s.F40(2)(a)
Superintendents Association	on			s.F40(2)(b)
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Human Resources	NAMES NAME			s.F40(3)(A)(a)
NIPSA		30000000°		
Internal Communications				

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Note Taker s.F40

APOLOGIES: s.F40(2)(a)
s.F40(2)(b)

s.F40(3)(A)(a)

Item No		
1.0	Apologies noted	
2.0	Minutes agreed.	
	No issues identified with previous minutes.	
3.0	Actions updated on Action register.	s.F31 s.F31(1) s.F31(1)(a) s.F31(1)(b)
4.0	EO2 Process advised that there were three companies for tender but only one offered their services — They are charging £20k to run the entire process. spoke to who noted that last year, 300 people were estimated to show interest and if there were any more this year, will absorb the costs.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
:	The psychometric test being used will be the A and DC which agrees is a good process and is fair for all. asked if there were any problems re the technology used in the last process.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a s.F40(2)(b s.F40(3)(A)(a
	stated that 2 out of 300 people complained about this process last year which is a minute number and shows are professional. Current Live Lists & Potential Extension of these states that the current Live List expired in November and is requesting if this can be extended until May 2020.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a s.F40(2)(b s.F40(3)(A)(a
	There are 7 people left on the existing list. has discussed with NIPSA that they must be fair to the current list but need a new pool of candidates.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
		s.F40(3)(A)(a

s.F42(1)

asked could the list remain live until the end of this year while considering the 6 month extension. s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) AT agreed to this. s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a) 5.0 Senior Police National Assessment Centre Advertisement states that following SMAP last week, process should be signed off by SPEB. states that the 2020 programme is not the only gateway to SPNAC. AT agrees that there is an expectation. s.F40 also agrees that it isn't the only gateway. It is only a factor to consider s.F40(2)(a) but there should still be evidence of some sort to show that you are ready s.F40(2)(b) for PNAC. s.F40(3)(A)(a) states that if you are successful at PNAC and didn't complete 2020, people might think that you don't need to complete 2020. agrees that there are difficult procurement issues and that if you are unsuccessful at 2020, you need to show evidence of what you have done since then to prove you are worth receiving PNAC. suggests that the Chief Constable holds a briefing to instil his expectations. 6.0 **Superintendents Process** states that last year, there were 56 expressions of interest and only 8 met the standard for promotion. and explain the three options on how to run the promotion process; Option 1 – Paper sift and then interview. The challenge being it will take roughly 3 full days to complete the paper sift. Option 2 – An operational brief followed by an interview through an assessment centre. s.F40 Option 3 – Psychometric test and interview. s.F40(2)(a) states option 2 is the best and the brief will need to be different due to the s.F40(2)(b) massive pool to interview. s.F40(3)(A)(a) AT agrees. states that in the previous process candidates did better in the Operational Brief with limited numbers not scoring highly. The panel will be reluctant to fail anyone on the Operational Brief. states that the Operational Brief will need to be quality assured and designed accordingly with 2 ACCs to run it over 3 weeks on the assumption of roughly 90 candidates. states that there are robust tests available but an Operational Brief is more challenging and robust. also suggests not using all internal panel members but bringing external members in. AT states that if you are successful, you can carry your score from the

Operational Brief into your interview score. AT confirms with the board that option 2 is the more popular. AT confirms that this is not a formal decision but is instead a working assumption. suggests that we should use 1-5 matrix for this process. to review prepared tender document. s.F40 asks should the candidate's applications be signed off by an ACC. AT disagrees as there is no consistency. s.F40(2)(a) states there should be a fundamental review of IPR and to progress you s.F40(2)(b) need an up to date IPR. s.F40(3)(A)(a) Iwould like to attract more candidates from other forces/services and wonders how to attract nationally. suggests asking the College of Policing to put it onto their website to get more interest and possibly engage a professional company in the advertising. also suggests to use the External Recruitment's recruitment material. **Revised Promotion Schedule** 7.0 proposes to put the schedule out to the service as soon as possible to allow people time to prepare and plan around the processes. He suggests the s.F40 earlier it goes out, the more people will be engaged. s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) and AT agree to sign this off. 8.0 Communication s.F40(3)(A)(a) suggests there to be a dedicated page to SPEB on Policenet. agrees and states that are said is working on a page for HR. AT also agrees, stating that it would be useful to have one on Callsign or Policenet so that the service understand the scale that SPEB work at. s.F40 suggests putting it onto the Vacancy page as it is a popular webpage. s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) agrees that a Callsign article would be a good idea. s.F40(3)(A)(a) to progess. 9.0 AOB No other business to discuss. The meeting ended at 11.45am.



MINUTES OF MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Strategic Promotions & Examinations Board (SPEB)

DATE: 19 June 2019

TIME: 2.00pm

LOCATION: Main Conference Room, Brooklyn

CHAIRPERSON: ACC Alan Todd

MEMBERS:

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OTHER ATTENDEES:

Note Taker

APOLOGIES:

S.F40(2)(a)

s.F40(2)(b)

s.F40(3)(A)(a)

Item No		
Introduction	AT welcomed everyone to the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
1.0	gave an overview of the current Sergeant Promotion Process	
1.0	which is due to be completed on the 28 th June. It is on target for circa 200 successful candidates – 55% pass rate. It was advised that a broad range of scores were being used. Debrief Panel is due to take place 1 st week of July. Results therefore anticipated Friday 5 th July or w/c 8 th July. AT advised that due to him being on leave the debrief panel would need to be rearranged. He agreed to send out a communication to the organisation regarding a timeline for results. It was noted that the results of the Inspector Promotion process were issued on Friday 14 th June and 100 officers on the merit list.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
		s. F 40
		s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
		s.F40(3)(A)(a)
		s.F31 s.F31(1) s.F31(1)(a)
	inquired about feedback. She asked had provided a feedback template.	s.F31(1)(b)
	AT advised that they were proposing to run feedback sessions for all those who were involved in the recent promotion processes and	s. F 40
	asked that look at dates in August.	s.F40(2)(a)
		s.F40(2)(b)
		s.F40(3)(A)(a)

2.0	Discussion then took place regarding the current live lists:	
	Police Officer Promotion Processes	
	Chief Superintendent	
	exhausted.	
	Superintendent and Chief Inspector No current live lists	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
	Inspector	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Sergeant	
	It was agreed that due governance is required regarding who is in an appointable position.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
		s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	It was agreed that we should look at having an end date for the current lists? The question was asked were we duty bound to exhaust lists.	
	suggested that as soon as the new lists become available officers from the previous lists should be added at the top of the new lists.	s.F40
	advised that officers are given two formal officers and are then removed from the list. It was agreed that a learning point is that end dates for merit list need to be considered.	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	is to come back to the next meeting with an options paper.	
	Police Staff Processes	
	Staff Officer 10 staff remain on the merit list. List expires on the 2 nd November 2019. To be reviewed at next meeting.	

Draft 1 E01 28 staff remain on the merit list. List expires on the 20th February 2020 EO2 52 staff remain on the merit list and offers are currently progressing. List expires on the 10th March 2020. It was advised that most of the roles are generic. s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) It was stated it had been agreed that promotion processes would be s.F40(2)(b) run every 2 years. advised that it is planned that a new EO2 s.F40(3)(A)(a) process would be run later this year. 3.0 **Future Promotion Schedule** AT stated that he would like an indicative list to be sent out. Police Officer processes Discussion took place regarding when the next Sergeant and Inspector promotion processes would be advertised. It was suggested that the next processes would be advertised in October/November 2020 which would provide a list for March 2021. It was anticipated that 290 Sergeants would be required with a further 122 by March 2021. For Inspectors, 203 would be required over the 2 year period. s.F40 advise that further work would be required on the study s.F40(2)(a) guide, e.g. to take account for recent legislation changes. s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a) AT felt that Oct/Nov 2020 seemed to be too late and consideration should be given to advertising after Christmas 2019; the legal exam to take place March/April 2020 and interviews to take place in June. advised regarding Section 75 considerations and logistical planning. He stated that the basic framework had worked well. s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) stated that she would consider other lateral transfers. s.F40(2)(b) There was concern regarding Superintendents in that there are s.F40(3)(A)(a) currently 18 temporary Superintendents. If the process was to be advertised late 2019 there would be a similar eligible pool as the pool would not be refreshed until May 2021. It was suggested that different eligibility criteria could be

considered. stated that there needed to be a robust

assessment centre.

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s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)

	stated that in the AGS Inspectors apply for Superintendent as they have no Chief Inspector rank. Evidence also shows that Temporaries do not perform better. AT stated that the new Chief Constable would have a view and therefore suggested that it would be better to draft a brief options paper. On reflection AT stated that another process should be advertised late Autumn 2019. to look at an assessment centre approach and to look at preparing a tender document.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	The Chief Inspector Process provided 44 successful candidates who have all been promoted. There are T/C/Inspector processes already being progressed. The next process is scheduled for Spring 2020. to look at options from a Section 75 perspective, e.g. eligible pools – 2 years seniority, 1 year seniority and none. AT will need to sense check this with the new Chief Constable. There may be secondment opportunities.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	There are no current plans to run a Chief Superintendent promotion process.	
	Police Staff processes There is no current requirement for Staff Officer or EO1 promotion processes at this time.	
	EO2 to be advertised early Autumn.	
	The External ASO list will not be available until late 2019. to look at the costs required to run processes.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
4.0	Communication	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	AT to draft communication at the end of July to advise officers who were in the Sergeant Promotion Process regarding the publication of results.	
	preparing a resourcing communication for the organisation.	s.F40
5.0	AOB asked if a communication could be sent out regarding the timeline for appointments from the Inspector Promotion merit list.	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	The meeting ended at 4.00pm	

Date of next meeting: September



MINUTES OF MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Strategic Promotions & Examinations Board (SPEB)

DATE: 19 August 2019

TIME: 1.00pm

LOCATION: ACCs Large Conference Room, Brooklyn

CHAIRPERSON: ACC Alan Todd

s.F40

s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)

s.F40(3)(A)(a)

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OTHER ATTENDEES:

Note Taker

APOLOGIES:

s.F40

s.F40(2)(a)

s.F40(2)(b)

s.F40(3)(A)(a)

Item		
No		
1.0	Apologies noted	
2.0	Minutes agreed.	_
3.0	No issues identified with previous minutes	
	Actions updated on Action register.	
4.0	briefed on the 3 options contained in the option paper reference 2017 merit list for Sergeants and Inspectors. The preferred option would be B and this was put forward for discussion. stated that Option B would be the most pragmatic AT would favour Option B	s.F40
	agreed and advised was done this way in the past.	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	to action and deal. No other issues re this.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
5.0	advised paper had been prepared and circulated regarding process to be used to manage 2018/19 Sergeant and Inspectors process. Areas looked at were Priority appointments, Specialist processes and Generic appointments. Proposal would be to give a choice of all available vacancies which deliver a fairer outcome.	
	and advised that it has been incorporated into the proposal.	s.F40
	AT advised was happy to support the proposed approach.	s.F40(2)(a)
6.0	advised a paper has been prepared by Performance, Audit and Assessment Unit in relation to 'lessons learnt' from recent examination processes.	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	processes.	s.F31
	advised that a new blue print will be done in regard to the study guide	s.F31(1)
	and College has suggested this be 'trimmed down'.	s.F31(1)(a)
	The compact of the Church Annual and Calastian Annual to be consisted	s.F31(1)(b)
	suggested the Study Appeal and Selection Appeal to be separated.	s.F40
	reports have been received from and and and and and these	s.F40(2)(a)
	2	s.F40(2)(b)
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	will be shared with AT and	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
7.0 & 8.0	Discussion took place in regard to each of the proposed promotion deliveries.	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Superintendent	
	Two proposals incorporating - 2 years in rank which generates a pool of 56 people	
	- No criteria, substantive Chief Inspector generates a pool of 101.	
	advised Chief Constable would consider the introduction of rank skipping in this process	s.F40
	said the worry about this would be that it would be demeaning to Chief inspector rank.	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	there is a need to look at attracting persons from other forces to apply	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	said could look at a different way of sifting for example Operational Brief followed by Interview.	
	AT asked for room to discuss whether to run a process in short/long term	
	said there is not a big risk to open up to the larger pool	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
	possibly introduce a better sift process for example assessment centre	s.F40(2)(b)
	After discussion proposal is to run in October with pool of 101 including newly promoted Chief Inspectors with bespoke designed application process.	s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Framework approval to be taken forward by AT and to SET and then Board for approval.	
	Draft tender to be prepared.	
	Chief Inspector	
	advised that the question being asked is in regard to the eligibility criteria to be used. It was agreed the criteria should be '1 year in rank contingent on the fact you have met the standard in your IPR' This criteria creates a pool of 235.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Inspectors/Sergeants	
	the main decision being required is in regard to Option 1 or Option 2 being proceeded with briefly advised what was included in each option and stated he would propose Option 2.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	3	s.F40(3)(A)(a)

	Discussion took place in relation to which option to be proceeded with.	
	said the starting point would be around the date for the Legal Exam	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
	advised that the earlier the study packs were available then we could fit the rest of the timescale around this.	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Preferred Option 2 re commencement 'Exam times' with dates after this to be looked at by ———————————————————————————————————	
	asked that 2 other decisions be made by the Board today – carry forward of previous exam result – decided this is not to be done as it is a new competition.	s.F40
	Process to be utilised – was agreed this would be the 'top performimg'	s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	Executive Officer 2	
	advised that EO2 lists will be expired this year and posts will still exist. Two dates offered for advertising with closing date of 23 rd December 2019 the favoured option. Discussion took place regarding the type of testing – online or paper based. It was agreed that the date of 23 rd December was okay.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
	to look at what is available regarding testing and Human Resources to take this forward.	
9.0	Communication	
	AT would like to put out Communications piece regarding what processes are in place for the year ahead. to discuss with Corporate Communications.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a)
	asked re whether call could be made about putting out through Communications whether processes are to be run annually/18 months thus telling the Service well in advance.	s.F40(2)(b) s.F40(3)(A)(a)
10.0	AOB	
	Temporary Promotions – to look at practicalities and bring to the next meeting – release communication in the interim and HR to draft this.	s.F40 s.F40(2)(a) s.F40(2)(b)
	Emerging Leaders – HR to check if able to say persons need to complete this	s.F40(3)(A)(a)

course before being promoted into rank in rank.

The meeting ended at 3.00pm.

Date of next meeting: October

