

MINUTE of MEETING of the **TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD** held in the Council Chambers, Perth and Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 28 January 2013 at 10.30 am.

Present: Councillors JAMES BLACK, ARCHIE MacLELLAN, PAUL VALENTINE, JOHN ALEXANDER, LAURIE BIDWELL, DAVID BOWES, BILL BOWLES, ELSPETH MacLACHLAN, BOB MYLES, HELEN OSWALD, DOUGLAS POVER, CHRISTINA ROBERTS, ALEXANDER STEWART, WILLIE WILSON and BAILIE HELEN WRIGHT.

Councillor BLACK, Convener, in the Chair

1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mohammed Asif, Jack Coburn and Sheena Welsh.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Helen Oswald declared an interest as two members of her family were serving members of the Police Force. She indicated that she would participate in discussion and voting on all items.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

(a) **Tayside Joint Police Board**

The minute of meeting of Tayside Joint Police Board of 19 November 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) **Corporate Governance Sub Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Governance Sub Committee of 12 November 2012 was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX I**).

(c) **Personnel Sub Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Personnel Sub Committee of 10 December 2012 was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX II**).

(d) **Complaints Sub Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Complaints Sub Committee of 10 December 2012 was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX III**).

(e) **Finance Sub Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Finance Sub Committee of 17 December 2012 was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX IV**).

4. **PRESENTATION FROM TAYSIDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY**

Howard Llewellyn, Chief Officer of Tayside Community Justice Authority, briefly outlined the role and function of the Tayside Community Justice Authority.

Mr Llewellyn indicated that the Scottish Government had recently undertaken a consultation on the re-designing of the Community Justice System. The consultation set out three options for re-designing the existing arrangements for reform, being (i) Enhanced Community Justice Authority Model; (ii) a Local Authority Model; or (iii) a Single Service Model. The consultation would last until 20 April 2013, with a view to the Scottish Government making an announcement on the way forward in late 2013.

The Board agreed to authorise the Clerk to respond to the consultation document on behalf of the Board, emphasising the importance of retaining decision making locally.

5. POLICE AND FIRE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2012: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of the Board of 19 November 2012, there was submitted Report No PB 1/13 by the Chief Constable, updating members on the on-going governance and engagement project arrangements within Tayside Police.

The Report indicated that the first draft of the interim one year Local Policing Plan would be presented to each respective pathfinder group for comment. The Report detailed how the priorities within the Plan had been identified and how the Plan would be consulted on.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to authorise the Clerk to write to Chief Constable House in support of a bid that the Headquarters for the Police Service of Scotland be based either in Perth or Dundee.

6. TRANSFORMING TAYSIDE

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of the Board of 19 November 2012, there was submitted Report No PB 2/13 by the Chief Constable, providing members with an update on the progress being made with the transition to the Police Service of Scotland and providing an update in relation to the Voluntary Redundancy/Early Retirement Scheme.

The Report indicated that the command structure for the single force had been agreed and appointments had been made at Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable levels. The Report advised that the new Police Service of Scotland would be made up of 14 local policing divisions, each headed by a Chief Superintendent. This would not represent any change within Tayside, as the Force had previously moved to a single local policing division on 2 April 2012 in anticipation of Police reform. In order to support the Single Community Policing Division, a number of support functions had also been realigned to provide increased efficiency and effectiveness within the new structure. These related to single administration and resource management units, changes to complaints handling and changes to roads policing responsibilities.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the work that was underway in the formation of a National Police Service;
- (ii) to note the progress being made on Force transition to the Police Service of Scotland; and
- (iii) to note the position of the National Voluntary Redundancy and Early Retirement Scheme (VR/ER).

7. TAYSIDE POLICE PERFORMANCE POSITION AT DECEMBER 2012

With reference to Article 15 of the minute of meeting of the Board of 19 November 2012, there was submitted Report No PB 3/13 by the Chief Constable updating the Board on the most recent key performance results for the period 1 April to 31 December 2012, customer satisfaction ratings in relation to the service provided by the Police and the public perception of Tayside as a safe place to live.

The Board agreed to note the contents of the Report.

8. SECONDMENT OF SENIOR OFFICER

There was submitted Joint Report No PB 4/13 by the Clerk and Chief Constable providing members with details of the secondment of DCC Scobie to the Strategic Command Course (SCC) from 17 December 2012 to 31 March 2013 and seeking approval to the appointment of Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Wilson to T/DCC during this period.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to endorse the decision to approve the secondment of DCC Scobie to the Strategic Command Course;
- (iii) to approve the appointment of T/ACC Wilson to the role of T/DCC; and
- (iv) to approve the decision not to fill the vacant DCC post at this time.

9. OPERATIONAL POLICING UPDATE

With reference to Article 18 of the minute of meeting of the Board of 19 November 2012, there was submitted Report No PB 5/13 by the Chief Constable, providing members with an overview of operational matters of interest since the last meeting of the Board.

The Report contained details of:-

- Drug Seizures
- Domestic Abuse
- Reducing Anti Social Behaviour
- Reducing Racial Offending
- Reducing Missing People Workstream
- Roads Policing
- Domestic Housebreakings
- Notable Operational Commitments

The Board agreed to note the contents of the Report.

The Board agreed that consideration of the following item be taken in public (and not treated as an exempt item in terms of the published agenda).

10. VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY AND EARLY RETIREMENT PROPOSALS

There was submitted Report No PB 7/13 by the Chief Constable requesting the Board's approval to seek and collate expressions of interest for Police staff interested in leaving policing by 31 March 2013 under the terms of the SPA's National VR/ER proposals.

The Report indicated that the Chair of the SPA had written to the Police Board looking for assistance in seeking and collating expressions of interest from staff interested in leaving policing by 31 March 2013. The terms of the SPA VR/ER Scheme appeared more favourable than the Board's current Scheme and therefore was likely to be attractive to staff. Provided the Board released only staff agreed by the SPA and did not breach any financial limits set by the SPA, all costs incurred would be recoverable from the SPA.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to seek and collate expressions of interest from Police staff interested in leaving policing by 31 March under the terms of the SPA's National VR/ER proposals;
- (iii) that only staff agreed by the SPA would be released by 31 March 2013; and
- (iv) to note that all costs would be contained within the sums agreed by the SPA and therefore reclaimed from the SPA.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Board agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in order to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraph 14.

12. OPERATIONAL POLICING UPDATE - PART 2

With reference to Article 20 of the minute of meeting of the Board of 19 November 2012, there was submitted Report No PB 6/13 by the Chief Constable.

The Report gave details of:-

- Fatal Road Traffic Collisions
- Serious Organised Crime Groups
- Counter Terrorism
- Murders
- Attempted Murders
- Professional Standards

The Board agreed to note the contents of the Report.