

CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE

A meeting of Cleveland Police Authority Executive was held on Thursday 23 February 2006 in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Councillors Benbow, Coombs, Coppinger, Lowes, McLuckie, Pearson, and Womphrey.

Magistrate Members
Mr Cox JP, Mr Fisher JP and Mr Illingworth TD JP

Independent Members
Miss Andrews-Mawer, Mr Gardner, Mr Majid, Mr Nath and Mr Race

OFFICIALS: Mrs K Allaway (CE)
Mr Price, Mr Briggs and Mrs Hall (CC)

Mrs C Andrews - District Audit.

237 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barker and Councillor Wallace.

238 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

239 **QUESTION TIME**

No questions were received from the public.

240 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM**

It was agreed that Police Restructuring be added to the agenda as an urgent item.

241 **PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET 2006/2007**

The Chief Constable presented the report and updated members on progress made in increasing the balances for this year together with the reduction in many areas of crime. He also reminded members of the £1m that had been approved by the Authority to invest on reducing violent crime. It was now predicted that this would be reflected in

performance in the next month.

Members applauded the healthy financial position that had been achieved and praised the hard work of all officers, staff and staff associations in achieving this.

ORDERED that:-

1. The proposed budget in the sum of £114,975,143 net of Specific Grants, Non Principal Formula Police Grant and contributions to or from Reserves be approved.
2. A contribution in 2006/2007 from General Reserves of £3.0m, including £2.0m for Direct Revenue Funding of the proposed Capital Plan be approved.
3. The Chief Constable be authorised, during any financial year, to temporarily exceed the 1704 maximum limit of Police Officers in order to achieve the planned 1% Police Officer vacancy rate.
4. The review of the adequacy of Reserves and Provisions by the Chief Executive (Sec 151 Officer) as set out in paragraph 46 to paragraph 57 of this report be noted.
5. A guideline budget for 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 of £119.4m and £123.5m respectively be set. This has been modeled on a 5% year on year increase in Council Tax precept as per the Medium Term Financial Plan. This follows the assumptions approved by Members at a previous meeting.

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SETTING THE PRECEPT 2006/2007

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning presented the report outlining the key factors for setting the precept.

ORDERED that:-

1. The tax base for 2006/2007 be agreed as 166,777.15.
2. The Net Budget Requirement, of £114,975,143 for 2006/2007 be agreed.
3. The funding of the Net Budget Requirement be agreed as follows:

	£
Revenue Support Grant	7,154,264
Business Rates Income	37,061,885
Police Grant	45,550,280
Total Formula Funding	<u>89,766,429</u>
From Council Tax	
Net Surplus on Collection	72,229
Funds	
New Precept	25,136,485
Total from Council Tax	<u>25,208,714</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>114,975,143</u></u>

4. That the Basic amount of Council Tax (Band D equivalent) be set at £150.719p for 2006/2007
5. That the following precepts be levied on the four billing authorities.

	£
Hartlepool Borough Council	4,125,028
Middlesbrough Borough Council	5,983,243
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	6,525,465
Stockton on Tees Borough Council	8,502,749
Total	<u><u>25,136,485</u></u>

6. That the Council Tax be set at the following levels:

Property Band	Proportion	Council Tax £
A	2/3rds	£100.479
B	7/9ths	£117.226
C	8/9ths	£133.973
D	1	£150.719
E	1 & 2/9ths	£184.212
F	1 & 4/9ths	£217.705
G	1 & 2/3rds	£251.199
H	2	£301.438

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ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2004/2005

Ms Andrews from the Audit Commission presented the report to members and stated that an unqualified opinion had been given on the accounts in October 2005.

ORDERED that:-

1. The recommendations be agreed.

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BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO DECEMBER 2005, INCLUDING FORECAST OUTTURN TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning presented the report, giving a detailed analysis of the forecast expenditure as at December 2005.

It was proposed that controls on spending be maintained and the cumulative underspending be used to strengthen the reserves against budget pressures in 2006/07 and 2007/08 as detailed in the medium term financial plan.

ORDERED that:-

1. The contents of the report be noted
2. The Chief Constable be authorised to temporarily exceed the 1,704 FTE Police Officer establishment on the basis that this does not increase the Crime Fighting Fund Target. (Paragraph 4.1.2 refers).
3. The costs relating to ER/VR rounds 1 and 2 be charged to revenue and not to capital as planned previously. (Paragraph 4.1.5 to the report referred).

4. The carry forward of earmarked budgets totalling £425k, as listed below, to 2006/07 subject to actual outturn. (Paragraph 4.1.8 to the report referred) be approved.

Protective Services	£200k
IMPACT Project	£75k
PFI Contingency	£65k
Criminal Justice Board	£40k
Incentivisation	£35k
Legal Services	£10k

5. The potential outturn of £2,546k underspending be noted. (Paragraph 4.1.1 referred)

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO DECEMBER 2005

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning presented the third monitoring report for the period April to December 2005.

ORDERED that:

1. The contents of the report be noted

2. Members note that schemes totalling £350k had been approved under delegated authority. (Paragraph 3.1 refers):

➤ Automatic Number Plate Recognition Phase 2	£277k
➤ Network Infrastructure Upgrade	£57k
➤ Information Security Software	£15k
➤ Print Machine	£6k
➤ Police Standards Unit Review of Schemes	£-5k

3. Increases to budgets totalling £83k for the following schemes. (Paragraph 3.1 refers) be approved:

➤ SARC/Vulnerable Persons Unit	£70k
➤ Photographic Studio Ceiling & Light	

Fittings	£8k
➤ Print Unit Light Fixtures & Fittings	£5k

4. The charging of ER/VR rounds 1 & 2 costs to revenue be approved and that the capital budget of £1.8m be deleted. (Paragraph 3.1 refers).

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CAPITAL MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2006/09 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07

This report presented the Medium Term Financial Plan for the first time, to sit alongside the revenue medium term financial plan and to form part of the overall financial plan for 2006/07 to 2008/09.

The proposed Capital Plan and Capital Programme are aligned to the Authority's strategic aims, which are as follows:

- reduction and detection of crime;
- response policing;
- reassuring the public;
- finance and commissioning;
- personnel and development;
- information and communication technology

ORDERED that

1. The capital plan for 2006/09 be approved.
2. The capital programme for 2006/07 be approved
3. The carry forward of funding of £1,196k for Airwaves equipment replacement to 2007/08. (Paragraph 3.10 refers.) be approved
4. Slippage on the 2005/06 programme be the first call on the funding brought forward from 2006/07. (Paragraph 3.11 refers.)
5. Full business cases for the refurbishment of Hartlepool Custody Suite, Headquarters Refurbishment, the Road Policing Facility and the Mobile Airwaves schemes are brought to a future meeting of the Authority for approval. (Paragraph

3.12 refers.)

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REVISED PRUDENTIAL BORROWING INDICATORS AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2006/2007

On 20th December 2005 Members approved the draft Prudential Indicators & Investment Strategy report. This report has been updated to reflect changes in the three year capital plan which have been made since then.

In setting or revising its Prudential Indicators, the authority is required to have regard to the following matters:

- Affordability
- Prudence and sustainability
- Value for money
- Stewardship of assets
- Service objectives
- Practicality

ORDERED that:-

1. The Prudential Indicators, set out in Appendix A, relating to:
 - Capital Expenditure
 - Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream
 - Capital Financing Requirement
 - Authorised Limit for External Debt
 - Operational Boundary for External Debt
 - Net Borrowing to Capital Financing Requirement
 - CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management
 - Interest Rate Exposure
 - Upper and lower limits - Maturity Structure of Borrowings
 - Upper & Lower Limits – Principal Sums Investedbe approved.
2. The Annual Investment Strategy, set out at Appendix B. be approved.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE INSPECTION REPORT

The Chair of the Authority explained that the HMIC inspection had been called for by the Authority and that the report was about how improvements could be made and not about apportioning blame. The report contained nine recommendations all of which have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.

ORDERED that:-

1. The recommendations of the Corporate Governance Inspection be noted.
2. The Authority I receive reports on a six monthly basis showing progress against the recommendations.

PREMISES IMPROVEMENT FUND – (PIF) REPORT UPDATE ON THE STOCKTON TWO-STOREY EXTENSION SCHEME

The two storey extension at Stockton Police Station was reported to members in October 2004, based on estimates at that time..

The costs have increased by £129k due to a combination of factors, changes in the design, changes in construction sector costs and the final tender submissions since then the tender exercise has been completed. The lowest tender was accepted.

ORDERED that

1. The additional capital contributions required to deliver the joint initiative between Cleveland Police Authority - £86k and the strategic partners in Stockton Borough Council -£43k be approved.
2. The additional capital contribution be from existing budgets and be shown in the next capital programme

monitoring report.

3. The unavoidable delay in the scheme be noted
4. The revised completion date of September 2006 be noted.

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MINUTES OF THE MODERNISATION PANEL HELD ON THE 7 DECEMBER 2005

The Chair of the Modernisation Panel presented the Executive Summary from the meeting held on the 7th December 2005.

ORDERED that the following minutes of the Modernisation Panel held on the 7 December 2005 were submitted and noted.

MODERNISATION PANEL

A meeting of the Modernisation Panel was held on Wednesday 7 December 2005 commencing at 10.00 am in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Mr Keith Fisher JP, Mr Alf Illingworth TD JP (Chair)
Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr K Nath (Vice Chair) and Mr Peter Race MBE

OFFICIALS: Mrs Clare Hunter, Mrs Julie Leng and Mr Norman Wright (CE)
Mr Ron Hogg, Mrs Ann Hall, Chief Superintendent Dave Lumb and Mrs Andrea Crinnion (CC)
Mr Steve Smitheringale, Unison

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Coombs, Mr Ted Cox JP, Mr Abdul Majid, Councillor Dave McLuckie, Mr Joe McCarthy, Mr Sean Price and PC Brian Docherty.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 November 2005 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

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MATTERS ARISING

Workstream One – Members requested that they receive prior notification when Chief Superintendent's and Superintendent's were due to depart.

Workstream Two – Any member who was interested in sitting on the Headquarters Project Group was to notify the Strategy and Performance Manager. If more than two nominations were received then the Chair of the Police Authority would make the final decision as to who would sit on the Group.

Workstream Three – Must reinstate the 'Guide to Conducting Best Value Reviews'.

255 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

ORDERED that the Outstanding Recommendations be noted.

256 **WORKSTREAM ONE – UPDATE**

Chief Superintendent Lumb provided a verbal update on Workstream One.

ORDERED that:-

1. The update be noted.

257 **WORKSTREAM TWO - UPDATE**

The Strategy and Performance Manager informed the Panel of the current status of the projects which make up Modernisation Workstream Two.

ORDERED that the recommendations be noted.

258 **WORKSTREAM THREE – UPDATES**

Chief Superintendent Lumb presented Review Position Statement updates for the six current Workstream Three Reviews.

ORDERED that:-

1. The review position statement updates be noted.

259 **PROCUREMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning presented the Procurement Annual Report which provided members with a brief performance synopsis of the procurement function detailing the achievements during the last twelve months.

The report also indicated the areas of work that the procurement team would develop in 2006-07.

ORDERED that:-

1. The achievements and improvements that had been made by the Procurement team be noted.
2. The savings/efficiency gains achieved in the 2004/05 financial year of £602k be noted.

3. Members noted the developments listed which had been achieved whilst maintaining service delivery and responding to both external and internal drivers such as:-
 - HMIC recommendations
 - Internal audit recommendations
 - Gershon Efficiency review
 - Local Government efficiency drive
 - Government E-commerce targets
 - HQ review
 - Force's revival plan
 - Regional and National Police Procurement Centres of Excellence
 - PWC review of procurement

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REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning presented the report to Members.

At the October Panel meeting the PricewaterhouseCoopers report "Review of Procurement Arrangements" was submitted and a recommendation was accepted that immediate steps be taken to reduce the use of fast track invoices, a means of paying invoices without any direct procurement input. As part of this recommendation it was noted that the estimated savings are in the order of £312k per annum. To ensure that the Procurement Team had the capacity to focus on more strategic matters and deliver the potential identifiable savings it was recommended that 2 extra staff would be required.

ORDERED that:-

1. The recommendation from the PWC report titled 'Review of Procurement Arrangements' be accepted and approval be given to employ 2 new purchasing assistant posts on a scale 5, at a maximum total cost of £40k. These posts would be filled as soon as possible in order to enable the recommendation to be implemented.
2. Members noted that before advertising externally, the Head of Commissioning would examine the feasibility of using staff on the redeployment register to fill these vacancies, should they be deemed suitable. Following this there would be an examination, with the Head of Human Resources, of the potential for displaced staff being available for consideration in the short-term. If neither examination was likely to be instrumental in filling the posts, the jobs would be advertised internally and only if this was unsuccessful would external advertising be used.
3. In the event of any potential delays, Members approved the appointment of agency staff as an interim fix in order to implement the recommendation as quickly as possible.

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ACTION STATIONS PFI PROJECT – EARLY SERVICES TRANSFER OF TUPE STAFF

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning provided members with details of a proposal from Reliance Secure Task Management (RSTM) to employ, on an early services transfer, Authority employed property clerks, who will be subject of a TUPE transfer to RSTM as a result of this project, prior to the expected service commencement date.

The proposal also included that RSTM employ, on a temporary basis, people to work as Tape Librarians as the Authority no longer employs anyone in this role in any of the four police districts.

ORDERED that:-

1. Approval be given for the Project Team to engage with RSTM to effect the early services transfer of the Property and Tape Management function now carried out in the four police districts.
2. Option No. 1 detailed in the report be approved. This was a like-for like transfer i.e. recruitment of 13.5 staff which is the CPA authorised establishment. A one- off payment of £36,306 to RSTM to be met from the underspend of staff salaries for the Tape Librarians and Property Clerks. This figure included start up costs, overheads and management fees.
3. The consultation process with Unison and all staff concerned to ensure agreement is reached for people to transfer to RSTM on their existing terms and conditions be approved.

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ESTATES RE-WIRING – ELECTRICITY AT WORK REGULATIONS ACT 1989

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning provided the Force and Members of the Police Authority with the current position statement regarding the legal responsibilities of the Electricity at Works Regulations Act 1989 and the bearing they had throughout the Police estate.

This report identified the estimated costs for the survey and installation/remedial work and sought approval for this to be scheduled into an appropriate capital and revenue planned programme.

ORDERED that:-

1. Work continue to complete the safety checks and remedial work at HQ in order to bring the building up to the necessary standards be agreed.
2. The following additional funding in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 budgets be made available:-

	2005/2006	2006/2007
Revenue	£80,147	£108,460
Capital	£79,490	£210,275

3. The revenue implications for 2005/2006 would be met from underspends in the current year budget. The additional capital amount of £79,490 would be met from underspent capital funds in 2005/2006. The revenue and capital requirements for 2006/2007 would be included in the capital programme and revenue plan for 2006/2007 to be presented to members for approval.
4. Members were advised that the total cost of the whole scheme was: revenue £287k and capital £439k over two financial years.
5. Force Standing Orders be waived in favour of the current contractor working at HQ and where applicable the MTM contractor, in order to progress the matter as quickly as possible with the obvious benefits of local knowledge consistency and continuity.
6. The programme of works was expected to take 12-18 months to complete but this estimate would be significantly reduced by using both contractors simultaneously.
7. Headquarters and Dunning Road be given priority, in order to meet the deadlines set by Zurich – February 2006 for Dunning Road and a revised deadline of June 2006 for HQ.

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WORKSTREAM 3A - CONSULTATION

It was noted that Workstream 3A – Consultation would be reported to a future meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY HELD ON THE 20 DECEMBER 2005

The minutes of the Cleveland Police Authority Executive Meeting held on the 20 December 2005 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

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MINUTES OF THE MODERNISATION PANEL HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2006

The Chair of the Modernisation Panel presented the Executive Summary from the meeting held on the 18 January 2006.

ORDERED that the following minutes of the Modernisation Panel held on the 18 January 2006 were submitted and noted

MODERNISATION PANEL

A meeting of the Modernisation Panel was held on Wednesday 18 January

2006 commencing at 10.00 am in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Mr Alf Illingworth TD JP (Chair), Mr Krishan Nath (Vice Chair), Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr Ted Cox JP, Mr Keith Fisher JP, Cllr Ron Lowes, Mr Abdul Majid and Cllr Dave McLuckie

OFFICIALS: Mrs Kath Allaway, Mrs Clare Hunter, Mr Joe McCarthy and Mr Norman Wright (CE)
Mr Ron Hogg, Mrs Ann Hall, Chief Superintendent Dave Lumb and Mrs Andrea Crinnion (CC)
Mrs Lynda Turnbull, Unison

266 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barry Coppinger, Councillor Chris Coombs, Mr Peter Race MBE and PC Brian Docherty.

267 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

268 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 December 2006 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

269 **MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted that vacancies will be advertised internally and externally to save time but that the internal applicants will be considered ahead of the external applicants in all cases, in line with the agreed procedure.

270 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

ORDERED that the Outstanding Recommendations be noted.

271 **WORKSTREAM TWO - UPDATE**

The Strategy and Performance Manager informed the Panel of the current status of the projects which make up Modernisation Workstream Two.

ORDERED that the recommendations be noted.

272 **WORKSTREAM THREE – UPDATES**

Chief Superintendent Lumb presented Review Position Statement updates for the current Workstream Three Reviews.

UNISON expressed concern that documents had been considered in public. It was agreed to consider how future reports would be dealt with, to ensure that confidential information was not released without compromising the openness and transparency of the Authority. The Chair of the Panel raised the issue of a best value steering group and it was agreed that this would be reviewed and reported to the next meeting of

this Panel.

Mr. Ted Cox expressed his thanks to the review team and to the ACO (Finance), the Business Unit Manager and staff of the Central Business Unit for the hard work undertaken to complete the introduction of the Central Business Unit.

ORDERED that:-

1. The review position statement updates be noted.
2. That a meeting be arranged to consider the status of update reports.
3. That a report be produced to the next meeting to consider the most suitable method for considering detailed reports and timings across all reviews.
4. That appreciation be minuted for the hard work carried out in introducing the Central Business Unit.

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SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE

The Chief Executive presented the report to Members. Following the Police Authority restructure in August 2005 it was agreed that the new structure would be reviewed after a period of six months. This report addressed that review. The panel structure was discussed with Members at a briefing and it was reported that the new panel structure was seen to be working, however, a further review would be undertaken in six months time when the structure would have been in place for twelve months.

ORDERED that:

1. The Panel structures would continue for a further six months when another review would take place.
2. The Panel meetings take place in Middlesbrough Town Hall to ensure and improve public accessibility.
3. The Police Authority meetings move from six weekly to quarterly for a six month period. The process be reviewed at the Police Authority Annual General Meeting. The current policy of calling an additional Police Authority meeting if there was a requirement to consider an urgent item would remain.
4. The Basic Command Unit (BCU) Performance Groups be serviced quarterly by an Officer of the Authority rather than monthly. This would not prevent BCU members still meeting with the District Management Team on a monthly basis if desired.
5. The scope of the Performance Panel be increased to encompass Audit issues as identified and reported upon by Pritchard Wood and the District Auditor.

MODERNISATION SPECIAL BRIEFING 14 DECEMBER 2005

274 **ORDERED** that: The notes of the Modernisation Special Briefing held on the 14 December 2005 were submitted and agreed.

PROGRAMME MANAGER, NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

275 Members considered the report presented by the Chief Constable including the grade and the part time status of the post.

ORDERED that:

The new post be approved at grade PO4 for a fixed term of 30 months to July 2008. That the position then be reviewed once the neighbourhood policing model had been established in all Districts.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

276 **ORDERED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, excluding the press and public from the Meeting under Paragraph 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

UPDATE ON WORKSTREAM 3A POLICE STAFF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES CONSULTATION

277 The Chief Constable presented the report to members

ORDERED that the recommendations be agreed and that future updates would be brought to the Modernisation Panel.

278 **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2006**

The Chair of the Community Safety Panel presented the Executive Summary from the meeting held on the 25 January 2006.

ORDERED that the following minutes of the Community Safety Panel held on the 25 January 2006 were submitted and approved.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL

A meeting of the Community Safety Panel was held on Wednesday 25th January 2006 commencing at 10.00am in the Stainsby Room, Middlesbrough Town Hall.

PRESENT: Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer (Chair), Cllr Caroline Barker, Cllr Barry Copping, Mr Ken Gardner MBE, Cllr Ron Lowes and Cllr Joyce Benbow.

Also present Mr Ted Cox JP and Mr Keith Fisher JP

OFFICIALS: ACC Adams Briggs (CC)
Mr Norman Wright and Dr Neville Cameron (CE)

279 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave McLuckie (ex officio), Cllr Chris Coombs (ex officio) and Cllr Mike Womphrey.

280 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

281 AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Members agreed to the withdrawal of item 10 (Community Safety – Hartlepool Chief Executive). This would be submitted to a future meeting.

282 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Action

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5 October 2005 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

283 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising.

284 OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The outstanding recommendations were noted and the following updates provided:

- A report on the Football Policing Cost Recovery would be submitted to the next Community Safety Panel Meeting. ACC Briggs
- A progress report on the Children's Board would be reported to the next meeting.
- Neighbourhood Policing – Additional Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). It was reported that the extra 21 PCSOs for Hartlepool were fully funded. A meeting with all partners took place on 24th January where the process for rolling out Neighbourhood Policing to the other Districts was discussed. It was noted that there were no decisions as to the number of PCSOs at this stage. Chair
- Sexual Assault Referral Centre. Members noted the problems with the site in Stockton. The working group were currently looking for an alternative site. Progress would be reported to a subsequent meeting. Chair

- Drugs Enforcement Strategy – The Assistant Chief Constable would add the possibility of another drugs conference to the agenda of the next Drugs Gold Group for discussion. ACC Briggs

285 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPDATE**

The Assistant Chief Constable informed members of the progression against the 51 recommendations contained within the Force Domestic Violence Service Improvement Plan (SIP). A copy of the Service Improvement Plan was attached at Appendix A to the report. It was reported that 42 of the recommendations were now in place and that the 9 outstanding recommendations would be implemented during 2006.

AGREED that the contents of the report be noted.

286 **DOVES TEAM (MULTI AGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT)**

The Chair presented the report to Members. The Authority had received a request from Stockton Council on 21 December 2005 for funding in relation to the DOVES team. The team came into existence four years ago and provides support for domestic violence. Over the last two years it had broadened its role to deliver programmes of work with perpetrators on a preventative basis.

Domestic violence remains a priority issue for the Authority and the Police Service working together with local community groups. This report proposed that a sum of £10k be released in 2005/2006 to fund the project - £2k of this funding would be taken from the Authority's existing contribution to the Stockton CDRP.

AGREED that funding of £10k in 2005/2006 to fund the DOVES team be approved.

287 **BEST VALUE REVIEW OF VIOLENT CRIME**

The Assistant Chief Constable submitted the completed Violent Crime Best Value Review to the Panel.

AGREED that the report be noted and that the recommendations be progressed via the Modernisation Panel.

288 **NATIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN**

The Acting Community Support Officer informed Members of the publication of the National Community Safety Plan, which now incorporated the National Policing Plan.

AGREED that the summary of the National Community Safety Plan 2006-2009 be noted.

289 **STRENGTHENING ENGAGEMENT WITH PARTNERS**

The Head of Strategy and Performance presented the report to Members.

The Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting of the 11 August 2005 agreed the appointment of Alan Brown to work with the Police Authority on the key

issues of the Community Safety, Best Value and Collaboration. This report brought forward a series of recommendations which if implemented would strengthen Police Authority engagement with LSP Partners and increase their understanding of Community needs and expectations and also to comply with statutory obligations under Crime and Disorder legislation.

AGREED that:-

1. The Police Authority continues to press for membership of Local Strategic Partnerships throughout the Cleveland area.
2. The remit of the Community Safety Panel be strengthened in relation to its role in:-
 - "Promoting an outcome focused ethos both internally and externally, networking and communicating with the 4 CDRP's and our LSP's". In particular to incorporate reporting mechanisms from Police and Police Authority LSP representatives in to and from the Community Safety Panel".
3. The important role that Local Area Agreements will play in determining the strategic priorities for the Cleveland area and the potential impact on delivery of policing priorities in local communities be noted.
4. The Police Authority arrange an executive level seminar to determine:
 - The strategic issues affecting key delivery partners in the Cleveland area;
 - Partnership arrangements to ensure governance and legislative outcomes are achieved.

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DRUGS ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Assistant Chief Constable provided members with an update on progress on Force efforts on drug enforcement, availability and the disruption of market networks. This report focused on strategy objectives, Operation Sabre, Partnerships and Performance.

AGREED that the work in progress and content of this report be noted.

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CENTRAL ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Assistant Chief Constable provided members with a update on the progress of the centralised Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, operating under the title of 'Don't Walk By'.

AGREED that the content of the report be noted.

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MEDIA CAMPAIGN - 999 NUMBER MISUSE

The Chair outlined the problems with misuse of the 999 emergency telephone number. It was reported that the misuse had been analysed and the proposed campaign was designed to be the best fix to target the problem.

AGREED that:-

1. Expenditure of £9k to fund the advertising campaign targeted at reducing inappropriate use of the national 999 number be approved. This would be funded equally by the Police Authority and the Force.
2. Century FM be appointed as the private sector partner to run the agreed advertising campaign.
3. The detail of the campaign be prepared and led by the Chair of the Community Safety Panel in conjunction with the Chief Constable and Century FM.

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CDRP FEEDBACK

The CDRP Feedback reports were noted.

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BCU FEEDBACK

The BCU Feedback reports were noted.

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DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was to be arranged.

Minutes of the Complaints Panel held on 26 January 2006

The minutes of the Complaints Panel were submitted and noted

COMPLAINTS PANEL

A meeting of the Complaints Panel was held on Thursday 26 January 2006 in the Stainsby Room at Middlesbrough Town Hall then in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Mr Ted Cox JP, Cllr Caroline Barker, Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr Keith Fisher JP, Mr Ken Gardner, Mr Krishan Nath

OFFICIALS Superintendent Brian Dunn and Mrs Caroline Llewellyn (CC) Mrs Kath Allaway (CE) Mr Gary Garland (IPCC)

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Coombs, Councillor Dave McLuckie and DCC Ron Hogg

297 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

298 **HMIC BASELINE ASSESSMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

A report was presented to Members giving details of the outcome of the recent Inspection. A press release issued by the Home office rated Cleveland Police as one of five forces where the performance across the board was very close to achieving the highest grade (excellent).

ORDERED that:-

1. The report be noted and that Cleveland had received a GOOD rating.
2. Members receive an update to a future meeting on progress against the three recommendations.

299 **CIVIL CLAIMS STATISTICS**

The Head of Legal Services submitted Civil Claims Statistics for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ORDERED that members note:-

1. There has been an 15.09% decrease in the number of claims received when compared with the same period last year. Public liability claims continued to be the leading category.
2. There has been a 46.23% decrease in the number of claims finalised when compared with the same period last year.
3. 17.54% of finalised cases during the period were successfully defended.
4. The 47 cases settled during the period cost the force £468,463. This was to be compared with the 56 cases settled during the same period last year at a cost of £368,243.
5. Headquarters is the area with most claims during the period.

300 **COMPLAINTS STATISTICS**

The Superintendent for Professional Standards presented the Complaints Statistics for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ORDERED that:-

1. Members noted that 123 cases, with 167 complaints linked, had been recorded in this period. This compared to 88 cases, with 125 complaints recorded during the same period last year.

2. Members noted that 2 cases had been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) during this period compared with 4 cases referred last year.
3. Members noted that 28 internal misconduct cases had been recorded in this period, compared to 18 cases last year.

301 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ORDERED that pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

302 **RECORDED COMPLAINTS (Appendix B)**

Members considered and noted a detailed appendix to the complaints report.

303 **CASES FROM THE COMPLAINTS REGISTER**

Members of the Complaints Panel were shown the cases from the Complaints Register which they had previously selected.

304 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The outstanding recommendations were submitted and noted.

305 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

306 **FORCE RESTRUCTURING**

The Chair of the Police Authority had agreed to add this item to the agenda in order that members could consider the information and legal advice available to decide what stance to take with regard to voluntary merger of the forces in the region.

The Chair updated members on the meetings and conference calls, with the Home office representative, which had taken place as late as that morning and also stated that another conference call, with the Home Office representative, would be held the next morning.

Given this information and that members were being asked to consider information they had not had sufficient time to look

at, it was formally moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned to Friday 24 February 2006 at 2.30pm.

ORDERED that

The meeting be adjourned to consider force restructuring and that it be reconvened at 2.30pm Friday 24 February 2006.