

## TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

MINUTE of MEETING of the **TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Monday 13 November 2006 at 9.30 am.

**Present:** Councillor COLIN YOUNG, Depute Lord Provost CHARLES FARQUHAR OBE, Councillors RON SCRIMGEOUR, JAMES BARRIE, ALISTAIR BARR, JACK GIBB, IAN MACKINTOSH, Depute Provost STEWART McGLYNN, Councillor BOB MYLES, Bailie NEIL IC POWRIE, Councillors GEORGE REGAN, CHRISTINA ROBERTS, DAVID SCOTT, LEWIS SIMPSON and ALEXANDER STEWART

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor HELEN DICK and Lord Provost John Letford

Councillor COLIN YOUNG, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### (a) Tayside Joint Police Board

The [minute of meeting of the Board of 21 August 2006](#) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Convener.

#### (b) Audit SubCommittee

The [minute of meeting of the Audit Sub Committee of 29 August 2006](#) was submitted and noted (**Appendix 1**).

#### (c) Complaints Sub Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Complaints Sub Committee of 4 September 2006](#) was submitted and noted (**Appendix 2**).

#### (d) Personnel Sub Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Personnel Sub Committee of 4 September 2006](#) was submitted and noted (**Appendix 3**).

### 3. OPERATIONAL POLICING - UPDATE

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Board of 21 August 2006, there was submitted Report No PB65/06 by the Chief Constable which provided an overview of operational matters of interest since the last meeting of the Board, including a summary of crime statistics and road policing.

The Report advised that the overall detection rate for the Force was 57.4%, which was well above the Scottish average, with all 3 divisions maintaining performance in excess of 50% detection. In relation to road casualty figures, all divisions had shown a decrease in the killed or seriously injured category and the Force continued to regularly conduct high profile local and national awareness and enforcement campaigns targeting drink/drug driving, speeding and seat belts initiatives amongst others. Other issues highlighted included "Operation Lepus", a dedicated operation to deal with hare coursing; "Belt up or Pay up", a four day planned action aimed at detecting seat belt offenders and speeders; "Angus/Street Games For All", an initiative in partnership with Angus Council and with active participation of Eastern Division Officers focusing on "hotspot" areas where there were concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, and recent anti-social behaviour initiatives.

The Board welcomed and noted the contents of the Report.

#### **4. 2007/2008 REVENUE BUDGET TIMETABLE**

There was submitted Report No PB59/06 by the Chief Constable and Treasurer advising the Board of the timetable to be set for the preparation of the 2007/2008 Revenue Budget.

The Board agreed to:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to instruct the Chief Constable and Treasurer to agree the budget principles and prepare the 2007/2008 Revenue Budget in accordance with the timetable set out in the Report.

#### **5. TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006**

There was submitted Joint Report No PB60/06 by the Chief Constable and Treasurer, to which was appended the Audited Statement of Accounts for Tayside Joint Police Board for the financial year ended 31 March 2006, and the External Audit Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for 2005/2006.

The Board agreed to:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and the audited abstract of accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2006;
- (ii) to approve the audited abstract of accounts 2005/2006; and
- (iii) to note the contents of the external audit Report to Members and Controller of Audit for 2005/2006.

#### **6. RACE EQUALITY SCHEME: ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

There was submitted Report No PB6/06 by the Chief Constable detailing the Annual Progress on the Force's Race Equality Scheme.

The Report indicated that much positive work had been done since the formal review in November 2005 of the Force Race Equality Scheme, which was first published in November 2002. Improvements were reflected in service delivery and employment. The Report provided a summary of the progress made since publication of the revised Scheme.

The Board agreed to note the contents of the Report.

#### **7. DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME PUBLICATION**

There was submitted Report No PB62/06 by the Chief Constable which advised the Board of the developmental progress of the forces first Disability Equality Scheme (DES).

By way of background, the Report advised that the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 had been amended by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005. Under the new act, as a public authority, Tayside Police would have a duty to promote disability equality. The Force was therefore required to adopt a positive proactive approach, and give importance to disability equality in all its decision making, activities and services. Under the Act, the duty was referred to as the "Disability Equality Duty". The law also required the Force to publish a Disability Equality Scheme by 4 December 2006, in which it informed the communities of Tayside how it would promote equality for disabled people.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the publication of the Tayside Police Disability Equality Scheme 2006-2009.

## 8. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

There was submitted Joint Report No PB63/06 by the Chief Constable, Clerk and Treasurer which proposed revisions to the Board's Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Scheme of Reference and Delegation to Sub Committee and Officers.

The Report indicated that the revisions were being recommended to the Board to reflect required changes in practice, audit recommendations and to provide additional flexibility in the efficient administration of the Board's operational and financial affairs.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revisions to Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and the Scheme of Reference and Delegation as detailed in the appendices to the Report;
- (ii) to delegate authority to the Treasurer to approve and implement future minor amendments to the Board's Financial Regulations; and
- (iii) to note that a report on such delegated approvals would be submitted to the Board on an annual basis and that more significant alterations to the Financial Regulations, including periodic full scale reviews, would continue to be brought forward to the Board for prior approval.

## 9. SUB COMMITTEE TIMETABLE 2007

The Board agreed that meetings of the Sub Committees in 2007 would be held on the following dates:-

### **Finance Sub Committee – Police Headquarters – Dundee**

Tuesday 27 March 2007  
Tuesday 18 December 2007

### **Personnel Sub Committee followed by Complaints Sub Committee – Police Headquarters – Dundee**

Monday 12 February 2007  
Tuesday 26 June 2007  
Monday 3 September 2007  
Monday 26 November 2007

### **Audit Sub Committee – Police Headquarters – Dundee**

Tuesday 27 March 2007  
Tuesday 12 June 2007  
Tuesday 28 August 2007  
Tuesday 18 December 2007

## 10. RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF OFFICER

There was submitted Report No PB64/06 by the Clerk advising that the Deputy Chief Constable, William Bald QPM had intimated his resignation from Tayside Police with effect from 27 January 2006.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that Deputy Chief Constable Bald, QPM had intimated his resignation with effect from 27 January 2007; and
- (ii) that the Appointments Sub Committee comprising Councillors Young, Scrimgeour, Depute Lord Provost Farquhar, Barr, Myles and Roberts be reconstituted and be instructed to make appropriate arrangements for the appointment of a Deputy Chief Constable.