

TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

MINUTE of MEETING of the **BEST VALUE STEERING GROUP** of **TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD** held in Conference Room 1, Police Headquarters, West Bell Street, Dundee on Tuesday 31 August 2004 at 9.30 am.

Present: Councillor COLIN YOUNG, Depute Lord Provost CHARLES FARQUHAR OBE and Councillor RON SCRIMGEOUR.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Lord Provost JOHN LETFORD.
Councillor YOUNG, Convener, in the chair.

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of the Group of 23 March 2004](#) was submitted and approved.

2. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING - FINAL UPDATE ACTION PLAN

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of the Best Value Steering Group of 1 December 2003, there was submitted Report No PB47/04 by the Chief Constable which provided members with a conclusive Report on the recommendations produced following the Service Review carried out into Information Technology Training.

The Report concluded that, as part of the ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, the Force had now completed the recommendations made arising out of the Service Review of IT Training. The achievement of the recommendations were detailed within the Final Update Action Plan, which was appended to the Report.

The Steering Group agreed to note the outcome of the Review and approve the Final Update Action Plan, which concluded the Information Technology (IT) Training Best Value Service Review Process.

3. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF TENURE OF POST - A FINAL UPDATE ACTION PLAN

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Best Value Steering Group of 1 July 2003, there was submitted Report No PB48/04 by the Chief Constable which provided members with a conclusive Report on the recommendations produced following the Service Review carried out into Tenure of Post.

The Report concluded that, as part of the ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, the Force had now completed the recommendations made arising out of the Service Review of Tenure of Post. The achievement of the recommendations were detailed in the Final Update Action Plan, which was appended to the Report.

The Steering Group agreed to note the outcome of the Review and approve the Final Update Action Plan, which concluded the Tenure of Post Best Value Service Review Process.

4. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF SICKNESS ABSENCE MANAGEMENT - FINAL UPDATE ACTION PLAN

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Best Value Steering Group of 23 March 2004, there was submitted Report No PB49/04 by the Chief Constable which provided members with a conclusive Report on the recommendations produced following the Service Review carried out into Sickness Absence Management.

The Report concluded that, as part of its ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, the Force had now completed the recommendations made arising out of the Service Review of Sickness Absence Management. The achievement of the recommendations were detailed within the Final Update Action Plan, which was appended to the Report.

The Steering Group agreed to note the outcome of the Review and approve the Final Update Action Plan, which concluded the Sickness Absence Management Best Value Service Review Process.

5. BEST VALUE ANNUAL REPORT

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of the Best Value Steering Group of 23 March 2004, there was submitted Report No PB50/04 by the Chief Constable on the Best Value Annual Report which demonstrated the commitment of the Force in meeting the challenges of the Best Value regime. The Report also provided evidence of the significant work undertaken in pursuit of Best Value and an indication of efficiency savings achieved in 2003/2004.

The Report indicated that the Force's approach to Best Value was not limited to Service Reviews and there was evidence of continuous improvement in other areas, such as innovation in the development and use of IT systems, effective use of cash limited revenue and capital resources, collaborative arrangements with other Forces, partnership arrangements with local authorities and the use of innovative schemes such as IDEAS.t.y. Evidence of this approach was captured within the Annual Report and, in addition, the Report provided a summary of the efficiency savings achieved in 2003/2004 which were estimated at £290,000.

The Best Value Steering Group agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the Best Value Annual Report and the achievements of the Force in pursuit of Best Value in 2003/2004; and
- (ii) that the Report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board for information.