

TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in Conference Room 1, Police Headquarters, Dundee on Monday 9 February 2004 at 11.15 am.

Present: Councillors COLIN YOUNG, RON SCRIMGEOUR, Depute Lord Provost CHARLES FARQUHAR OBE, Councillors JACK GIBB, CHRISTINA ROBERTS (substitute for Councillor JIM BARRIE) and ALAN JACK (substitute for Councillor ALEXANDER STEWART).

Councillor COLIN YOUNG, Convener in the Chair.

1. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Complaints Sub-Committee 11 November 2003 was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Sub-Committee resolved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in order to avoid disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 paragraph 1.

3. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE**(i) Statistics up to 31 December 2003**

There was submitted and noted Report No PB11/04 by the Chief Constable showing the number of complaints made against the Police up to and including 31 December 2003, and how they had been disposed of, together with figures for a similar period in the previous year.

(ii) Detailed Cases

There was submitted and considered a document giving details of complaints which had been received by Tayside Police.

The Sub-Committee requested copies of six completed case files. After hearing Depute Chief Constable Ian Gordon in amplification, the Sub-Committee agreed that it was satisfied with all aspects of the complaints procedure.

Deputy Chief Constable Gordon advised that Mr David F Howdle had been appointed as the new Area Procurator Fiscal for Tayside and discussions would be held with him in due course on reportable complaints.

(iii) Letters of Appreciation

A file containing letters of appreciation which had been submitted to Tayside Police during the period under consideration was submitted for members' information, the contents of which were noted.