

TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in Conference Room 1, Police Headquarters, Dundee on Monday 28 November 2005 at 10.30 am.

Present: Councillor COLIN YOUNG, Depute Lord Provost CHARLES FARQUHAR OBE, Councillors RON SCRIMGEOUR, JAMES BARRIE and STEWART McGLYNN.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor ALEXANDER STEWART.

Councillor COLIN YOUNG, Convener, in the Chair.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of the Complaints Sub-Committee of 5 September 2005](#), which had been submitted to the Board on 14 November 2005, was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

3. 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 of business 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.

4. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE

(i) Complaints Against the Police - 1 August to 31 October 2005

There was submitted Report No PB80/05 by the Chief Constable showing the number of complaints made against the police from 1 August to 31 October 2005, and how they had been disposed of, together with figures for a similar period in the previous year.

After hearing Deputy Chief Constable Gordon in amplification, the Sub Committee noted the terms of the Report.

(ii) Closed Complaint Cases

There was submitted and considered a document giving details of closed complaint cases.

The Sub-Committee requested copies of five case files and, following consideration, agreed that it was satisfied with all aspects of the complaints procedure.

(iii) Letters of Appreciation

There was submitted and noted a file containing letters of appreciation which had been sent to Tayside Police during the period under consideration.

(iv) Complaint Referred to HMIC

There was submitted Report No 81/05 by the Clerk which advised the Sub-Committee of a complaint referred to HMIC.

The Sub-Committee agreed to note the terms of the Report.

5. VALEDICTORY REMARKS

The Sub-Committee joined with the Convener in thanking Deputy Chief Constable, for the significant contribution and distinguished role he had played in police matters locally and nationally, particularly in professional standards matters, and wished him every happiness in his retirement.

