

**MINUTES: of the Meeting of Surrey Police Authority held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Mount Browne, Surrey Police HQ, Guildford.**

**Members**

Mrs Louise Rhodes	Mrs Jane Anderson
Mrs Lynn Hawkins JP	Mr Peter Williams
Mrs Heather Kerswell	Mrs Amanda Mills (a)
Mr Michael Blank (a)	Mrs Claire Storey
Mr Bill Barker OBE	Mrs Yvonna Lay
Mr David Harmer	Mr Ernest Mallett MBE
Mrs Margaret Hicks	Mrs Hazel Watson
Mr Geoff Marlow	Mrs Fiona White
Mr Nick Skellett CBE	

a = absent

**All item numbers refer to the agenda bound with these minutes**

**PART ONE**  
**IN PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened Surrey Police Authority's meeting and welcomed all Members, members of the public, the Chairman of the Standards Committee, Gary Crouch, and Assistant Commissioner Lynne Owens from the Metropolitan Police Service.

**147/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Apologies were received from Amanda Mills and Mike Blank from the Authority and ACC Olivia Pinkney from the Force.

**148/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011 (Item 2)**

The minutes of the extraordinary SPA Public Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**149/11 MATTERS ARISING (Item 3)**

146/11 – Jane Anderson stated that she would like to see the gateways for the Business Partnering in Policing (BPP) project in the public domain and for Members to know at which meetings they will have to vote.

The Chairman said that reporting to the Authority at each gateway was part of the 'conditions precedent'. At present, dates for these gateways were still very much subject to change. Information that could be put in the public domain would be published, although the Authority had to be aware of commercial sensitivities.

Bill Barker raised his concern about the BPP project.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the Matters Arising.

**150/11 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Item 4)**

Three questions had been received from two members of the public, Miss L. Dadak and Miss Ruth Temple. The questions related to operational matters and it was decided that they should be addressed by the Force outside the meeting by written response.

**151/11 PETITIONS (Item 5)**

No petitions had been received.

**152/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 6)**

No declarations were made.

**153/11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Item 7)**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the memorial service for DC Heather Cooper at Guildford Cathedral. He expressed his thanks to the T/Chief Constable and other senior officers for all their involvement in this very sad matter.

With regards to the BPP project, the Chairman reassured the Authority that he was working closely with colleagues in the Force to ensure that Members had all the necessary information to make any decisions required of them. The Authority would be kept fully informed as previously indicated.

The Chairman informed Members that the Authority had now become more involved in transition to the new governance structure pending the arrival of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Chief Executive had set up a joint SPA Secretariat and Force Transition Steering Group which was meeting on a monthly basis, the Chairman and the Chief Executive had attended an APA Transition event on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December and the Chairman was a representative on the HMIC Transition Reference Group.

Jane Anderson asked whether the Chairman was satisfied with the BPP vote that had taken place on 13<sup>th</sup> October due to the small margin in the majority vote. The Chairman responded by saying that the project would move forward to the next gateway as the Authority had agreed, albeit by a small majority, now that the 'conditions precedent' had been met. He reiterated that the Force was under pressure to deliver a balanced budget to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) over the current CSR period. At the moment, the BPP project looked like the most viable option that could generate the necessary savings, although other approaches were being considered.

Ernest Mallett said that he had been looking at the figures and was concerned with the amount of £5 million for the procurement process. The Chairman said that the figure may not come to £5 million once the competitive tenders now awaited were submitted. Members were reminded that the Home Office and West Midlands Police Authority had each agreed to contribute £2 million towards this cost, as compared to Surrey's £1 million.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the Chairman's Report.

**154/11 CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT – PART 1 (Item 8)**

The T/Chief Constable gave the Authority an update on performance and key issues. He stated that the performance figures were good in the current environment of stretch and challenges.

Several key areas had been highlighted in his written report. Members were asked to note the successful initiative to raise road safety awareness at Northmead School in Stoughton. The T/Chief Constable said that the relationship between the Force and schools had improved, especially with the work being done by PCSOs and the initiative could be expanded to cover more of them.

Members also noted that the Force had been working in partnership with the local community in Waverley to tackle drugs activity. The T/Chief Constable informed the Authority that the local community had provided the intelligence and that the Force was able to execute several warrants as a result of this intelligence.

Members enquired as to the Force's relationship with the Highways Agency and the joint working to reopen strategic roads as quickly as possible following serious collisions. It was noted that the Force had sped up its processes of dealing with road closures and that joint working with the Highways Agency would improve the situation further. Members asked whether more campaigns could be launched to warn motorists of the danger of roads. The T/DCC said that Drive Smart was linked in with the national road safety campaign and he could provide some statistics outside the meeting.

Members raised two issues regarding the Hindhead Tunnel stating that there was some confusion over the varying speed limits that were used in the tunnel and also the lane control that was in place. The T/CC said that he would arrange for the issues to get fed back to the local authority.

Members welcomed the introduction of the Event Assessment Unit (EAU) which had replaced the previous Crime Management Units. Members asked whether measures were in place to assess the impact of the unit and whether the Force would know how satisfied victims of 'no crimed' matters would be. The T/CC said that the Force intended to benchmark the progress of the EAU and said that it would discuss how to record satisfaction outside the data set.

The Chairman thanked the T/CC for his report and congratulated the Force on its confidence and satisfaction results, as well as its very high level of all round performance.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the Chief Constable's Report.

**155/11 REGULATION A19 – CONTINUATION OF USE (Item 9)**

The Authority received a review report which set out the impact on the Force of either stopping or continuing with Regulation A19. ACO Davies said that the Force could secure savings of £600k in the next financial year if the Regulation continued to be used. The T/CC said that the continuation of its use would mean that the Force could invest more in the frontline and also provide opportunity for younger officers to come through the ranks.

Members asked for reassurance that there would be no threats to resilience as the Force had a busy year coming up and this should not be weakened. Members were reassured that the T/DCC had undertaken some work to ensure that command resilience and capability for the Olympics was sufficient.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority agreed the recommendation that Regulation A19 should remain in place for all senior ranks (Inspector to Chief Superintendent) until December 2012 and that it will continue to be subject to an annual review.

**156/11 FINANCE REPORT – MONTH 6 2011/12 (Item 10)**

The Authority received the finance report for month 6 which had already been presented to the Finance and Performance Panel on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Members noted that the gross revenue budget for the year was £213.2m. Total expenditure for the year to date was currently £2.1m within the phased budget with the forecast outturn being £0.5M within budget. Total Capital budget was £16.9m including £4.7m re-phased from last year and £2.0m carried forward from last year. Expenditure for the year to date was currently £4.6m.

The T/CC highlighted the work that the Chief Superintendents and Superintendents had done in relation to the change programmes. He said that a lot of work goes into delivering the change programmes to ensure that the required levels of savings are met.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the report.

## **157/11 LOCAL POLICING PLAN QUARTER 2 (Item 11)**

The Authority received a report from the T/DCC on the latest performance results against the Local Policing Plan targets. He was able to verbally update the figures in the report as they had been reviewed at a performance meeting immediately prior to the start of the Authority meeting. All of the figures had improved, some significantly, except customer satisfaction for anti-social behaviour which had slightly decreased by 0.5%.

The Chairman congratulated the Force on the outstanding results and stated that the difficult decisions made during the Operational Policing Review (OPR) were clearly showing benefits.

Members noted that the T/CC and Chief Executive had recently attended the Surrey Chief Executives' Meeting where the T/CC had raised concerns over the withdrawal of funding to certain services such as Environmental Health. He said that it had been agreed that better joint working was needed to enable progress in this direction.

Members asked whether the Force had responded to the recent article in The Telegraph which suggested that Surrey had suffered a big increase in burglaries. The T/CC said that he would check whether the Force had responded.

Members raised a concern over the alleged target for the EAU to finalise 50% of cases at first point of contact. The T/DCC said that he was unaware of this target and would look into this outside the meeting.

### **Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the report.

## **158/11 SCHEME OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2012-13 (Item 12)**

The Authority received a report on the Scheme of Allowances for 2012-13 and was asked to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Members raised concern over the recommendation to keep the mileage allowance at 40p instead of raising it to 45p with effect from October 1<sup>st</sup> as per other Surrey authorities. They felt that it was unreasonable not to increase it to 45p. A vote took place and 10 Members voted to increase the mileage allowance to 45p.

### **Resolved that,**

The Authority agreed with the recommendations that:

- i) The scheme of allowances should not be uplifted in line with the CPI; and
- ii) A record be kept of the level of allowances had an uplift been applied.
- iv) The allowances for independent members of the Standards Committee remain unchanged for 2012-13.

The Authority rejected the recommendation of the Remuneration Panel that the mileage rate for 2012-13 remains at 40p/mile and instead

**Resolved that,**

The mileage rate be increased to 45p in line with other local authorities, backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011.

**159/11 UPDATE ON THE LOCALISM ACT (Item 13)**

The Authority was informed of the implications of the Localism Act which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011. The Chief Executive explained that the Localism Bill had sought to abolish the Standards Board regime, however this had been amended through the House of Lords. Therefore the Standards Committee will remain and the Authority's Code of Conduct would need to be updated.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the report.

**160/11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (Item 14)**

The Authority received a report to update them on a number of areas including Police and Crime Commissioners, a transition update, Chief Constable recruitment and HMIC Inspections.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the report.

**161/11 PANEL REPORTS (Items 15a - d)**

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the Panel reports.

**162/11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Item 16)**

Under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**PART TWO**  
**IN PRIVATE**

**163/11 CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT AND HIGH LEVEL RISKS (Item 17)**

The Authority received a report on a number of operations involving the Cross Border Investigation Team, Firearms Unit, Major Crime Team and the Serious Organised Crime Unit.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority noted the report.

**164/11 OPR ESTATES DISPOSALS (Item 18)**

The Authority received a report on the proposed sale of Lightwater Police Office.

**Resolved that,**

The Authority agreed the recommendation as set out in the paper subject to an 8 week time limit for exchange of contract.

**The meeting ended at 12.40pm**