

WILTSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held at POLICE HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, DEVIZES on MONDAY 19th MARCH 2007

PRESENT: Mr H Woolnough CBE (Chairman), Mrs D Dart, Mr W Fishlock, Mr B Ford, Mrs M Groom, Mr C Hoare, Mr A Macpherson, Mr F Palmer, Mrs J Rooke, Miss A Scofield ARRC, Mrs M Sitaram, Mrs C Soden, Mrs M Taylor and Mr I West.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Constable M Richards, Mr K Kilgallen, Mr M Prince, Mr M Bennion-Pedley, Mr M Milton, Acting Chief Superintendent M Pullen and Mr R Flux.

1. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bluh, Mr Humphries and Mr Lake.
2. **Public Questions** There were no public questions.
3. **Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
4. **Chairman's Announcements** There were no announcements.
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (9th February, 2007)**

Resolved: *To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February, 2007.*

6. **Appointment of Independent Members to the Wiltshire Police Authority** The Chief Executive reported that, following interviews, Ms Joy Hillyer and Mrs Gill Stafford had been appointed to the Police Authority with effect from 1st April, 2007.

Resolved: *To welcome these appointments and to thank the selection panel and secretariat staff for all their hard work.*

7. **Appointment of Assistant Chief Constable** The Chief Executive reported that, following interviews on 19/20th February, Chief Superintendent Andy Marsh from Avon and Somerset Constabulary had been appointed Assistant Chief Constable replacing Peter Vaughan. Mr Marsh would be taking up his new appointment on 10th April, 2007.

Resolved: *To note with approval the appointment.*

8. **Appointments to Committees** In light of the impending retirement of Miss Scofield and Mr Woolnough from the Police Authority it was,

Resolved: *To appoint Ms Hillyer and Mrs Stafford to the following committees:*

Ms Hillyer – Finance and Major Projects and Human Resources

Mrs Stafford – Human Resources and Strategic Development Group

9. **Dates of Police Authority Meetings in 2007/2008** To note the following:

2007

14th June

20th September

6th December

2008

7th February

12th June

18th September

4th December

10. **Urgent Items** There were no urgent items.

11. **Retirement of Miss Angela Scofield**

The Chairman referred to the forthcoming retirement of Miss Scofield from the Police Authority after 8 years. He thanked her for all she had done. He paid tribute, in particular, to her work as Chairman of the Human Resources Committee. Other members expressed their thanks.

12. **Retirement of Bertie Woolnough**

Members paid tribute to Mr Woolnough who was retiring from the Authority after 12 years. He had served as Chairman since May 1996. Colleagues thanked him for his hard work and dedication commenting that he had given his wholehearted commitment to the the Authority. His “focus had always been firmly on the needs and aspirations of the people of Wiltshire”. He had taken the lead in opposing strongly the plans to abolish the Force in favour of a regional super-force. He had also made an immense contribution at national level. He would be greatly missed. Members wished him all the very best for the future.

13. **Election of Chairman** In view of the impending retirement of Mr Woolnough from the Authority, a vote was taken to appoint his successor and it was,

Resolved: *To appoint Mr Hoare Chairman of the Police Authority for the period 19th March to 14th June, 2007, the date of the next annual meeting.*

14. **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved: *In accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Item 15 below because it is likely that if a member of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.*

15. **Regional Shared Services Initiative** A report by the Chief Constable was circulated advising members of the work undertaken over recent months by Regional ACPO business areas in relation to collaboration/shared services.

Members were in full support of the proposals but said that it was very important that the governing body had the ability to take decisions under delegated authority. It was,

Resolved: *1) To endorse the ‘in principle’ decisions of the Chief Constables and Chairman in the south west region taken on 23rd February, 2007 as follows:*

- i. endorse the vision to share services and operate in a consistent way (using common platforms, equipment and tactics) wherever there are demonstrable benefits from doing so*
- ii. endorse the submission of an application to the Home Office for ‘demonstrator site’ status and the associated funding when applications are sought during 2007*
- iii. establish a programme team as set out in paragraphs 31 to 34 of this report to advance this vision, with a budget of £500,000 p.a. funded by Authorities in equalised shares with the clear expectation that this be repaid from savings emanating from the programme (paragraph 38 of the report)*

- iv. *support 'tighter' rather than 'looser' collaboration models i.e. Models C to F rather than A and B (paragraphs 28 and 29 of the report) due to the scale of business transformation required with this programme*
- v. *select Martin Richards, Chief Constable of Wiltshire, to represent the Chiefs and Chairs group as Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) for the programme*

2) To record the Authority's thanks to the Director of Finance and Facilities for all his hard work progressing this initiative.

(Duration of Meeting: 1pm to 1.45 pm)