



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 29/2019

Date: 21 February 2020

Request:

I'm seeking information and documentation held by the Policing Board / Police Authority under the Freedom of Information Act in relation to the removal and disposal of asbestos and asbestos contaminated materials at Gough Barracks, Armagh in 1998.

More specifically I wish to request the following records:

1. Copy of direction from RUC Police Authority Buildings Department to RUC Construction Services in July 1998 to remove asbestos material from Gough Barracks and decontaminate the area.
2. Internal documentation and communications in 1998 between the Policing Authority (Policing Board) and RUC in relation to asbestos contamination at Gough Barracks, County Armagh.
3. Minutes of Policing Board meetings in October 2011 and any internal records from that period where asbestos contamination at Gough Barracks was discussed.

Answer:

Answer to questions 1 and 2

In relation to the information requested the Policing Board has completed a check of its records and we can advise that we do not hold this information.

However, we have identified that the Police Service of Northern Ireland [PSNI] may hold this type of information.

You can contact the PSNI Freedom of Information Team by post at the address below:

Freedom of Information Team
Corporate Development
Brooklyn
65 Knock Road
Belfast
BT56 6LE

Or by e-mail:

foi@psni.pnn.police.uk

Answer to question 3

The Policing Board has identified 2 sets of minutes from October 2011 which fall within the scope of your request i.e:

- Minutes of the NI Policing Board Meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2011 (Item 15 para 6 refers).
- Minutes of the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee held on 20 October 2011 (Item 3.11 refers)

Copies of these minutes are attached for your reference.

In respect of your request for copies of internal records from that period we have identified a total of 11 pieces of correspondence which are attached for your information. We have withheld some attachments and names of individuals. This information constitutes personal information and is exempt from disclosure to you under section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) allows a public authority to withhold information from a response to a request for information under the FOIA when the information requested is personal information relating to someone other than the requester and its disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles. The first data protection principle requires personal data to be processed fairly and lawfully. This personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA as, in our view, it would be unfair to provide it to you, and therefore disclosure would be in contravention of the first principle of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2011 AT 9:30AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

- Mr Brian Rea (Chairperson)
- Mr Gearóid Ó hEára (Vice Chairperson)
- Mrs Anne Connolly
- (1) Mr Jonathan Craig
- (1) Mr Ryan Feeney
- Mr Ross Hussey
- Mr Trevor Lunn
- (2) Mr Ian McCrea
- Mr Conall McDevitt
- Mr Stuart McDonnell
- (3) Mr Robin Newton
- Mrs Joan O'Hagan
- (1) Mr Brian Rowntree
- (1) Ms Caitríona Ruane
- (1) Mr Pat Sheehan
- Mr Michael Wardlow
- Ms Deborah Watters

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:

- (3) Mr Matt Baggott, Chief Constable
- (3) Mrs Judith Gillespie, Deputy Chief Constable
- (3) Mr Alistair Finlay, ACC Operational Support
- (3) Mr Drew Harris, ACC Crime Operations
- (3) Mr Dave Jones, ACC Rural Region
- (3) C/Superintendent Peter Farrar, Criminal
Justice Department
- (3) Mr David Best, Director of Finance and
Support Services
- (3) Mr Joe Stewart, Director of Human
Resources
- (3) Ms Liz Young, Head of Media & PR
- (3) Superintendent John McCaughan, Command
Secretariat

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION NI IN ATTENDANCE:

- (4) Dr Michael Maguire, Chief Inspector
- (4) Mr Brendan McGuigan, Deputy Chief
Inspector

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr Edgar Jardine, Interim Chief Executive
- Mr David Jackson, Director of Planning,
Performance & Partnership
- (5) Mr David Wilson, Director of Support Services
- Mr Peter Gilleece, Director of Policy
- 3 Board Officials

- (1) Item number 2 to close**
- (2) Item number 11 to close**
- (3) Item number 15 only**
- (4) Item number 14 only**
- (5) Item numbers 1 to 14**

1. APOLOGIES, ETC

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Gerry Kelly. NOTED.

The Chairperson of the Board asked Members to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the agenda. No conflicts of interest arising from the agenda were declared.

2. PREPARATION FOR BOARD MEETINGS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Interim Chief Executive referred to his letter of 21 September 2011, in which he outlined the recommendations made by the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee following its review of the format of the first Board meeting held on 1 September 2011. He reminded Members that the Committee had agreed that the basic format should be retained and outlined a number of suggested refinements. Members indicated that they were content to incorporate the revisions in the format of future Board meetings.

Following discussion, Members agreed the subject areas to be raised with the Chief Constable later in the meeting during the private session and the Board meeting in public.

Members discussed the theme for the November 2011 public meeting. The Chairperson reminded Members that it had been proposed that the theme would be "streamlining justice", and that a proposal had been received to change the theme to "human trafficking". Officials advised that a number of issues relating to streamlining justice would be on the agenda for the forthcoming NIPB/PSNI Change and Challenge

conference in November 2011 and that it would be more appropriate to hold a public meeting on the theme after the conference.

During subsequent discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That the theme for the December 2011 public meeting – “PSNI Engagement With Loyalist And Republican Communities” should be brought forward to November and that the theme for December should be “Human Trafficking”.

Officials undertook to circulate a copy of a report from the Cross Community Consortium on issues affecting loyalist and republican communities in relation to policing, which had been considered at the Community Engagement Committee meeting on 22 September 2011 to all Members of the Board.

3. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE POLICING BOARD

3.1 Draft Minutes Of The Policing Board Meeting Held on 1 September 2011

The Board considered the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2011.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

That the draft minutes of the Policing Board meeting held on 1 September 2011 be agreed.

3.2 Draft Minutes Of The Policing Board Meeting In Public Held on 1 September 2011

The Board considered the draft minutes of the meeting in public held on 1 September 2011.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

That the draft minutes of the Policing Board meeting in public held on 1 September 2011 be agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

4.1 Briefing On Her Majesty's Inspectorate Of Constabulary Report On The PSNI (Item 4.1 Of Minutes Refers)

The Board noted that Sir Denis O'Connor, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary had been invited to attend the November 2011 Board meeting. NOTED.

4.2 Appointment Of Assistant Chief Constable (Item 4.2 Of Minutes Refers)

The Chairperson advised that the Appointment Panel had met on 28 September 2011 to interview candidates for the post of Assistant Chief Constable. An appointment had not yet been made and a further meeting of the Appointment Panel had been arranged for 6 October 2011. NOTED.

4.3 Appointment Of Chief Executive Of The Policing Board (Item 4.3 & 6.2 Of Minutes Refers)

A Member referred to a decision taken by the Board on 1 June 2011 concerning the composition of the Appointment Panel for the recruitment competition for a Chief Executive of the Policing Board and suggested that the Board should review the composition, in light of the workload already placed on Members of the ACC Appointment Panel and to ensure the appointment process was taken forward as quickly as possible.

Members discussed the composition of the Appointment Panel, the advantages and disadvantages of 2 separate Appointment Panels and the learning experiences of the Assistant Chief Constable Appointment Panel.

Following further discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That officials should prepare an options paper, including an outline timetable, for the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee to consider and make recommendation to the Board on the composition of the Chief Executive Appointment Panel.

4.4 McCaughey Judicial Review: Supreme Court Judgement (Item 9 Of Minutes Refers)

Members were informed that a reply had been received from PSNI on 13 September 2011, advising that it was not possible at this stage to quantify the impact the Supreme Court Judgement in respect of inquests and that PSNI undertook to keep the Board informed of developments. NOTED.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

5.1 Engagements

The Board considered a list of the Chairperson's engagements since the last meeting.

NOTED.

5.2 Correspondence

The Chairperson highlighted the following correspondence which had been received/issued:-

- The Chairman of the Association of Forensic Medical Officers of Northern Ireland regarding a news release issued by the Board;
- The President of the Ulster Farmers Union regarding rural crime;
- A request from Kevin Winters & Co, Solicitors for a copy of the transcript of the Board meeting with the Chief Constable on 1 September 2011 in relation to discussion of the McGurks' Bar bombing.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS

6.1 Governance Training

The Interim Chief Executive advised that a paper seeking an indication of Members availability would be circulated later in the meeting and that he would further consider the practicality of rerunning training on public accountability and governance. The Interim Chief Executive indicated that it was unlikely that the course would be run again before January 2012. NOTED.

6.2 Update On Organisational Review Of Northern Ireland Policing Board

The Board considered a paper outlining progress on the implementation of the organisational review. In response to questions from Members, the Interim Chief Executive advised:-

- That the recommendation to downgrade the Chief Executive post from Grade 3 to Grade 5 had been independently validated and that the post would be advertised at Grade 5 level;
- The Deputy Chief Executive post had been suppressed and the Deputy Chief Executive would be leaving the Board on compulsory early retirement;
- A paper would be brought to a future Resources and Improvement Committee outlining the budgetary savings that would be achieved through the implementation of the organisational review;
- That the recommendation to pool administrative staff had not been accepted, the consensus among Board Managers being that a single pool was unworkable;
- That staff who had received new duties as a result of internal organisation were being provided with 'on the job' training. A Member sought reassurance regarding levels of expertise and assurance that training be provided as appropriate.

It was:-

AGREED:

- That the recommendations contained in the paper should continue to be progressed as proposed;
- That with regard to recommendation 2.12 in relation to the restriction of agency staff, that the remaining temporary Staff Officer post should be publicly advertised and filled as a permanent post.

The Interim Chief Executive advised that the report prepared by KPMG on the organisational review of the Board had been published on the Board's website.

The Chairperson commended the Interim Chief Executive for his professional approach to taking forward the implementation of the organisational review.

7. CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the Committee highlighted the following recommendations arising from the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee meeting held on 15 September 2011. A copy of the Chairperson's speaking note outlining actions taken under delegated authority was included in the papers.

7.1 Recommendations

Meeting With Probation Board For Northern Ireland (PBNI)

The Committee recommended:-

That the Board should approve the arrangement of a meeting between the Community Engagement Committee and representatives from the Probation Board for Northern Ireland.

It was:-

RESOLVED:-

To approve the arrangement of a meeting between the Community Engagement Committee and the PBNI.

Lead Members

The Committee recommended:-

That the Board should identify Lead Members for key policing business areas.

The Chairperson of the Committee referred Members to a paper which identified Lead Members for key policing business areas; the responsibilities of Lead Members; and proposed Lead Members for identified business areas. Officials advised that Lead Officials would give advice and where necessary, arrange training for Lead Members in respect of their new responsibilities.

Following discussion:-

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the recommendations from the Committee in relation to Lead Members.

It was:-

AGREED:

- That Appendix 2 of the paper which identified each Lead Member should be amended to include the name of the Lead Official;
- That details of Lead Members and officials should be published on the Board's website;
- That the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee should review the Lead Member arrangements in 6 months' time.

8. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the Committee highlighted the following recommendations arising from the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 30 September 2011.

A copy of the Chairperson's speaking note outlining actions taken under delegated authority was included in the papers.

8.1 Recommendations

Report On The Review Of The Format, Timing And Content Of Information Supplied To The Board By PSNI

The Committee recommended:-

That following consideration by Senior Management Team (SMT), the Board should consider the report on the Review of the Format, Timing and Content of Information Supplied to the Board by PSNI.

PSNI And NIPB Management Statements And Financial Memorandums

The Committee recommended:-

That the Resources and Improvement Committee should consider and make recommendation to the Board regarding approval of both the PSNI and NIPB Management Statements and Financial Memorandums.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the recommendations by the Committee concerning the Review on the Format, Timing and Content of Information Supplied to the Board by PSNI and the PSNI and NIPB Management Statements and Financial Memorandums.

9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Vice Chairperson of the Committee highlighted the following recommendations arising from the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 22 September 2011. A copy of the Vice Chairperson's speaking note outlining actions taken under delegated authority was included in the papers.

9.1 Recommendations

Appointment of Independent Members To Policing And Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs)

The Committee recommended:-

That in relation to the Board's role in appointing independent members to PCSPs, not to consider the candidate's position following interview as part of the appointment process.

The Board considered a paper in relation to consideration of a candidate's position following interview as part of the Board's role in appointing independent members to PCSPs and District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (DPCSPs).

In response to questions, Members were advised that correspondence had been issued in relation to the appointment process, but the recruitment process had not yet commenced. Members were advised that the first part of the process would seek political membership of the PCSPs, the Board would then seek to appoint independent members to ensure that the political and independent member representation on the PCSPs and the DPCSPs is representative of the community.

A Member referred to a number of councils which did not use the D'Hondt system to determine political representation and sought clarification of the Board's statutory responsibilities to highlight where councils did not utilise D'Hondt. Officials advised that they would review the legislation and advise Members accordingly.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the Committee's recommendation in relation to the appointment of independent members to PCSPs.

Report On Issues Affecting Loyalist And Republican Communities In Relation To Policing

The Committee recommended:

That the report from The Cross Community Consortium on issues affecting loyalist and republican communities in relation to policing, should be a theme for a future public meeting of the Board.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the recommendation from the Committee regarding the inclusion of the report as a theme for a future public meeting.

Officials undertook to supply all Members of the Board with a copy of the report.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the Committee referred Members to the copy of the Chairperson's Speaking Note in respect of actions taken under delegated authority arising from the Human Resources Committee meeting held on 8 September 2011. NOTED.

10.1 Actions

PSNI Secondments

A Member referred to the Committee's action in approving the secondment of a PSNI officer on a short term international secondment to Indonesia. The Member highlighted Committee concern at the information provided by the PSNI to enable a decision to be reached and that the Committee had asked to be provided with additional information when future secondment requests were being submitted.

11. HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the Committee referred Members to the copy of the Chairperson's Speaking Note in respect of actions taken under delegated authority arising from the Human Rights and Professional Standards Committee meeting held on 8 September 2011. NOTED.

12. RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Vice Chairperson of the Committee highlighted the following recommendations arising from the Resources and Improvement Committee meeting held on 16 September 2011. A copy of the Chairperson's Speaking Note outlining actions taken under delegated authority was included in the papers.

12.1 Recommendations

Police Estate

The Committee recommended:

That the Board should approve the disposal of surplus lands at Lisburn and Craigavon.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the recommendation from the Committee.

13. INFORMATION PAPERS

13.1 Police Detention And Time Spent On Bail

13.2 Briefing On The Annual Report Of The Office Of The Police Ombudsman

13.3 Confidential Briefing Note Regarding Assisting Offenders

NOTED.

14. BRIEFING BY CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (CJINI)

The Chairperson referred Members to a briefing note which provided an overview of a recent report published by the Criminal Justice Inspection for Northern Ireland into the Independence of the Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and other CJINI reports of interest to the Board. NOTED.

The Chairperson welcomed Dr Michael Maguire, Chief Inspector of CJINI and Mr Brendan McGuigan to the meeting.

The Chief Inspector welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Board and advised that he hoped this would be the first of a series of meetings between the 2 organisations to discuss the potential for future collaboration for the Board on their respective Programmes of Work.

The Chief Inspector outlined the background to his review, methodology and summarised the findings of his inspection into the independence of the Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (OPONI). In summary, he advised that:-

- The legislative framework on which OPONI operates is solid and provides a strong framework for its operational independence;
- There were no major concerns in relation to the investigation of current cases, however there were significant concerns around how sensitive, complex and high profile historical cases were currently investigated and handled;
- There were a number of concerns regarding the handling of historic cases, including flawed investigative processes, reports being published that had been 'heavily influenced and buffeted' by feedback from non-governmental organisations, families, their legal representatives and PSNI, resulting in a lack of confidence in how the investigative processes are managed within OPONI and an inconsistent approach in how families were briefed on findings;
- There were serious divisions within the Senior Management of the organisation which had affected the overall operation of the Office.

The Chief Inspector outlined the 6 recommendations made in the report to address the significant management issues identified.

Members sought and received further comment from the Chief Inspector regarding:-

- Whether there were any recommendations arising from the report which would impact on the Board's role of holding the Chief Constable to account and if there was anything in his findings that would indicate a potential risk for the Board.

The Chief Inspector advised that he had made no recommendations in respect of PSNI and there was no evidence of issues relating to the PSNI. The nature of the interface between PSNI and OPONI is complex. The Chief Inspector advised that as a revised OPONI approach unfolds, protocols

between PSNI and OPONI would be reviewed and revised and that his primary focus had been on OPONI rather than PSNI.

It was:-

AGREED:

That CJINI would provide a brief summary of any issues arising from the report that impacted on the Board's role in holding PSNI to account.

- The impact of a diminution of public confidence in OPONI on overall confidence in policing;
- Whether there were any legal issues or flaws in the framework whereby the Chief Constable could choose not to abide by a determination of OPONI;
- The sharing of draft reports for factual accuracy and the need for consistency in approach;
- The expectation of families and others in receiving oral briefings and the impact of subsequent published reports being significantly different from initial briefings;
- Quality assurance concerns;
- The lack of an appropriate audit trail to indicate why changes had been made to OPONI reports;
- Concerns raised about the level of involvement and nature of discussion between PSNI and OPONI before publication of reports;
- CJINI comment on the Ombudsman's Article 2 responsibilities - the Chief Inspector advised that this was not within his remit;
- The potential for reputational risk to the Board and the need for the Board to seek assurance that there is a robust professional relationship between OPONI and the PSNI.

It was:-

AGREED:

That a follow-up meeting should be arranged between the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and CJINI representatives to discuss issues of common interest.

The Chairperson thanked Dr Maguire and Mr McGuigan for their contribution and they left the meeting.

15. PRIVATE SESSION WITH THE PSNI SERVICE EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Chairperson welcomed the Chief Constable and his colleagues to the meeting.

A Member sought further information about changes in procedures for the vetting of contractors working in the PSNI estate. The PSNI representatives advised that procedures had been revised to meet national standards agreed by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and confirmed that all contractors were advised by PSNI of the vetting requirements in contract specification documentation.

The Vice Chairperson advised the Chief Constable that the Board had met with Dr Michael Maguire, Chief Inspector of CJINI, to discuss his findings and recommendations following his recent review of OPONI. Members sought assurance that current interactions between PSNI and OPONI are robust and professional.

The Chief Constable advised, that while he was unsighted as to the comments of Dr Maguire at the meeting, his report in terms of PSNI engagement with OPONI was positive and that Dr Maguire had not made any recommendations in respect of PSNI. The Chief Constable advised that PSNI took a pragmatic approach to engagement with OPONI and sought to ensure the integrity of the process throughout its dealings with the Office. The meeting discussed the relationship between OPONI and PSNI, the impact on policing in general of a negative report on OPONI and what responsibility the Chief Constable has in accepting or rejecting recommendations and directions made by the Ombudsman.

A Member referred to seizure of electronic data and equipment from journalists and sought comment on the protocols in place to defend freedom of the press. PSNI indicated that their paramount consideration was a duty to investigate serious crime/public disorder and that the overall approach used was in line with Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998. The PSNI representatives referred to the role of the court system in applying proportionality regarding the confiscation of items.

A Member referred to recent media reports about the destruction of material held in PSNI Gough in 1998 and sought information about an audit trail regarding the reasons for destruction. Members were advised that various alternatives were looked at before destruction, following the contamination of documentation by water and asbestos dust. The PSNI undertook to provide the Member with a synopsis of the decision making process. Members were also advised that some of the destroyed material had been recorded onto the computerised HOLMES system and that these records were still available. Members discussed asbestos contamination in other areas of the police estate, including Seapark and Sprucefield.

16. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

It was:-

AGREED:

That a news release should be issued welcoming confirmation that the business case for the new Public Services Training College at Desertcreat had received approval.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Policing Board meeting was arranged for Thursday, 3 November 2011 at 9:30am in Waterside Tower, Belfast.

(Meeting closed 1:15pm).

Member Services

October 2011

Chairperson

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2011 AT 2:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

- (1) Mr Gearóid Ó hEára (Chairperson)
- Mr Brian Rea (Vice Chairperson)
- Mrs Anne Connolly
- (2) Mr Jonathan Craig
- Mr Gerry Kelly
- Mr Trevor Lunn
- Mr Conall McDevitt
- Mr Robin Newton
- Mrs Joan O'Hagan
- Mr Brian Rowntree
- Ms Deborah Watters

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr Edgar Jardine, Interim Chief Executive
- Mr David Jackson, Director of Planning, Performance & Partnership
- (3) Mr Peter Gilleece, Director of Policy
- 4 Board Officials

- (1) Item number 3.5 to close
- (2) Item number 1 – part number 13
- (3) Part item number 5.3 to close

1. APOLOGIES, ETC

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Ryan Feeney, Mr Ross Hussey and Mr Stuart MacDonnell. NOTED.

The Chairperson asked Members to declare any interests arising from the agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2011

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve the draft minutes of the Committee meeting held on 15 September 2011.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

3.1 Appointment Of An Assistant Chief Constable (Item 4.1.1 Of Minutes Refers)

The Chairperson updated the meeting on the appointment of an Assistant Chief Constable. He advised that the Appointment Panel had agreed to appoint Mr George Hamilton as an Assistant Chief Constable. Two other candidates had met the standard required for appointment and their names had been placed on a Reserve List. NOTED.

3.2 Organisational Review Of The Board (Item 4.1.2 Of Minutes Refers)

The Interim Chief Executive advised that a Deputy Principal would be leaving the Board on 5 November 2011 to take up a new post in PSNI. NOTED.

3.3 Review Of The Work Of The Committee (Item 4.1.4 Of Minutes Refers)

The Interim Chief Executive advised that a paper regarding a schedule of meetings with key organisations and individuals would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee. NOTED.

3.4 PSNI Programme Boards (Item 4.2.2 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee noted that a response was awaited from PSNI in relation to the Board's request at the August 2011 Committee meeting for access to the minutes of all Programme Board meetings. NOTED.

3.5 Committee Priorities And Targets (Item 5.2 Of Minutes Refers)

The Interim Chief Executive sought approval to dedicate the agenda for the November 2011 meeting to consider Committee priorities and targets, including the Programme of Work of each Committee.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the next meeting of the Committee should be held in Malone House, Belfast to consider the Board's strategic priorities.

3.6 Training For Members (Item 6.2 Of Minutes Refers)

The Interim Chief Executive updated the Committee on training which he planned to re-run for Members on public accountability and governance, and a course on chairing of meetings. Members would be kept informed of progress. NOTED.

3.7 Overview Of Organised Crime (Item 9 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee noted that a date for a meeting with the Minister of Justice had yet to be finalised to discuss the approach to tackling human trafficking and in particular, the response to the new strategy entitled, "Human Trafficking: A Government Strategy". Members would be notified when a date was settled. NOTED.

3.8 Proposals For Future Scrutiny Of PSNI Protective Services (Item 10 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee noted that a response was awaited from the PSNI regarding its assessment of each of the elements of Protective Services that are not currently monitored. A response would be brought to the Committee when received. NOTED.

3.9 Briefing On Forensic Science Northern Ireland (Item 11 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee noted that dates for meetings with PSNI and Forensic Science Northern Ireland were yet to be finalised. Members would be notified when dates were settled. NOTED.

3.10 Informal Roundtable Meeting Between The Board And PSNI Service Executive Team (Item 12 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that the venue for the informal roundtable meeting between the Board and PSNI Service Executive Team would be in the Lagan Valley Island Civic Centre, Lisburn on 24 November 2011 at 5:30pm. NOTED.

3.11 Destruction Of Material At Gough Barracks (Item 16 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee considered a letter, tabled at the meeting, from ACC Crime Operations dated 14 October 2011 regarding asbestos contamination and destruction of material at Gough Barracks in 1998. Members discussed the need to ensure that should asbestos or other contamination occur in the police estate in the future, that appropriate contingency measures were in place.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the Committee should write to the PSNI seeking information in relation to policies in respect of asbestos and disposal of contaminated documents.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

4.1 Engagements

There were no matters arising.

4.2 Correspondence

There were no matters arising.

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS

5.1 Appointment Of New Board Member

The Interim Chief Executive advised that Mr Adrian McQuillan had resigned his membership of the Board and would be replaced by Mr David McIlveen. NOTED.

5.2 Support For Members

The Interim Chief Executive updated the Committee regarding the allocation of Members Rooms in Waterside Tower to the political Member and independent Member groups on the Board and advised that he would continue to pursue the matter.

5.3 Review Of Public Order

The Interim Chief Executive drew the Committee's attention to a letter, tabled at the meeting, from Assistant Chief Constable Operational Support dated 13 October 2011 regarding the review of Public Order Response by the PSNI and a structured debrief on this year's public order events arranged for 23/24 November 2011. The Committee considered attendance in an observer capacity.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

- That arrangements should be made for the Board's Human Rights Advisor to attend the debrief;
- That Members should attend the debrief, depending on the number of places available.

6. BOARD MEETING IN PUBLIC / PUBLIC MEETING

The Committee considered 2 papers in relation to the management of the Board Meeting in Public and Public Meetings of the Board. The first paper focused on the format of both meetings, the frequency of public meetings, timing and venue, advance notice to PSNI of question themes and the role of the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee in identifying significant Committee issues for discussion at Board meetings. The second paper was prepared following a meeting between the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee and the Board's Senior Management Team, and identified a number of limitations that had become evident in the format and suggested a number of proposals for consideration.

Members discussed the content of the 2 papers focusing on:-

- The need to devote further time to the corporate business of the Board, particularly significant issues arising from the work of Committees;
- The possibility of a second Board meeting each month, devoted to a specific theme;
- The merits in meeting with the Chief Constable in private after the public session has been completed;
- The advantages and disadvantages of holding public meetings during the evening;
- Providing the opportunity for specific themes to be considered by the Board then carried through into DPPs / CSPCs for discussion at local level;
- The theme for the December 2011 public meeting;
- The separation of corporate issues and scrutiny issues as responsibilities of the entire Board and the proposal that all Members be invited to Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee.

It was:-

AGREED:

- That no public meeting should be held in November (the Board meeting in public will be arranged as usual);
- Further consideration should be given to the theme for the December public meeting;
- Officials should prepare a paper with proposals for a revised format for consideration at the November Board meeting, including themes for the December public meeting and public meetings in the New Year;
- That all Members be formally included as full Members of Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee.

7. APPROACH TO SCRUTINY THROUGH COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

The Committee considered a paper which set out an approach to undertaking the work of the Board to provide an opportunity to impose the discipline of making links between different strands of work, including the PSNI Programme Boards and in the short term, bring a greater focus to a number of key themes.

Following discussion it was:-

AGREED:

To defer consideration of the paper to the next meeting.

8. NIPB CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2011 – 2012 – 6 MONTH ASSESSMENT

The Committee considered a paper detailing a 6 month assessment of progress in relation to the targets contained in the 2011 – 2012 NIPB Corporate Business Plan.

It was:-

RESOLVED:

To approve publication of the 6 month Assessment on the website.

9. APPOINTMENT PANEL – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Committee considered a paper in relation to options for the composition of the Appointment Panel for the recruitment competition for a Chief Executive of the Policing Board.

Members discussed the composition of the Appointment Panel; its size and representativeness; devolution of appointment responsibilities to Committees; the role of an Independent Assessor; and the experience gained from the Assistant Chief Constable appointment process.

Following further discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

- That officials should prepare a further paper for consideration by the Board on the composition of the Chief Executive Appointment Panel;
- That further consideration be given to an external independent assessor / observer being invited to assist the Panel;
- That officials should ensure that all Members are in a position to discuss the Appointment Guidelines at the next Board meeting.

10. OMNIBUS SURVEY QUESTIONS – JANUARY 2012

The Committee considered a proposed list of questions to be included in the January 2012 Omnibus Survey.

Following discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the proposed list of questions be approved, subject to questions 1 and 2 being reworded.

11. INFORMATION PAPERS

11.1 PSNI Update Report On 5 Year Counter Terrorism Plan

11.2 McGurk's Bar Bombing

NOTED.

12. MATTERS TO BE RAISED WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

During discussion of subject areas to be raised with the Chief Constable, there was consensus that the issues of paramilitary assaults and the impact on confidence in policing of recent controversies surrounding the Police Ombudsman's Office should be included.

13. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

The Committee discussed the relationship between the PSNI and the Office of the Police Ombudsman (OPONI), and it was:-

RESOLVED:

- That CJINI should be invited to investigate information sharing arrangements between PSNI and OPONI.

It was:-

AGREED:

- That officials should prepare a press release in relation to the Police Ombudsman's Office and circulate it to Members for comment

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was changed from Thursday, 17 November 2011 to Wednesday, 16 November 2011 at 2:00pm.

(Meeting closed 3:50pm).

Member Services

October 2011

Chairperson

Brian Rea MBE JP
Chair

Date: 3 October 2011

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Dear Chief Constable

GOUGH BARRACKS

Further to recent press articles on the destruction of evidence at Gough Barracks, Armagh. I would be grateful for an explanation on (1) the extent of the damage to records, evidence and information of use to police investigations; (2) the deliberations leading up to the decision to destroy these documents; (3) was any independent advice sought in relation to the necessity to destroy material; and (4) your assessment thereafter of the implications for investigations into Troubles related cases.

In addition, I have received correspondence (enclosed) from [REDACTED] raising concerns about the storage and destruction of files relating to [REDACTED] and the lack of communication thereof. I would be grateful if you would respond to [REDACTED] providing a copy of your response to the Board.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



BRIAN REA
Chair

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Dear *Mr Rea,*

Re: Gough Barracks

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1. Interview notes belonging to people who were detained at Gough Barracks, Armagh for the period 14 January, 1985 to 2 January, 1993, along with copies of intelligence documents and press cuttings were destroyed because they were contaminated with asbestos as a result of being stored in a room at Gough Barracks.
2. Once the store was found to have been contaminated with blue asbestos, the Regional Head of CID South Region, Health and Safety experts and RUC Building Branch came to the decision that the documents should be shredded and buried. Ultimately the decision was made by the Regional Head of CID.
3. Independent advice in the form of Health and Safety experts gave advice that the documents should be (a) destroyed or (b) cleaned - sheet by sheet. The second option was considered too expensive.
4. It is assessed that the threat to the investigation of 'Troubles' related cases is minimal. If the interview notes had contained any admissions then the person they referred to would have been charged. No witness statements or other original papers in respect of individual serious crime case were in the store. If fresh evidence is found in any specific case then it can be used against a suspect and the issue of the destroyed interview notes should not affect the prosecution case.



I have as requested, included a copy of our reply to [REDACTED] for your information. I trust that this answers your questions satisfactorily, however should require more information please contact my office.

Yours Sincerely



J A Harris
ACC Crime Operations

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This includes the reply referred to in the paragraph above

Edgar Jardine
Interim Chief Executive

Date: 20 October 2011

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Dear John

CONTAMINATION AND DESTRUCTION OF PAPERS AT GOUGH BARRACKS

We spoke yesterday about the correspondence from Brian Rea dated 3 October 2011 on the destruction of material held in PSNI Gough as a result of asbestos contamination.

We also noted that a Member had asked the Chief Constable a related question at the private session of the Board on 6 October 2011. The PSNI undertook to provide the Member with a synopsis of the decision-making process which culminated in the destruction of the material in 1998.

I am not sure how far Brian Rea's letter of 3 October 2011 covers this question, but would be grateful if you could review the reply and incorporate into the answer above.

Yours sincerely



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20th October 2011

Our Ref: Com Sec 11/8919

Dear Edgar,

Re: GOUGH BARRACKS

Following the most recent meeting of the Northern Ireland Policing Board, you wrote to me on 20th October 2011 with a question concerning the asbestos contamination in Gough Barracks. Specifically you were enquiring about our undertaking to outline a synopsis of the decision-making process which culminated in the destruction of the material in 1998.

In his letter to the Chair of 14th October 2011 about this matter, ACC Harris provided an outline of the chain of decision making. I attach a copy of his letter, and trust that this answers your specific query. If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Edgar Jardine
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Date: 27 October 2011

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Dear John

PSNI ASBESTOS POLICY

The correspondence from ACC Harris in respect of the Gough Barracks asbestos issue was tabled at the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee meeting on 20 October 2011. The Committee asked Officials to follow up on a number of questions they had around PSNI policy on asbestos management.

I have noted these as follows:

- 1. Do PSNI have a register of all places within the estate where the presence of asbestos has been detected?
- 2. Has the existence of asbestos an impact on other policies?
- 3. Does PSNI have a document removal policy; and
- 4. Do PSNI have staff trained to deal with asbestos?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



EDGAR JARDINE
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Date: 7 December 2011

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Dear Mr Harris

DESTRUCTION OF MATERIAL AT GOUGH BARRACKS

I write further to your letter of 14 October 2011 in which you addressed a number of concerns raised by the Board in relation to the destruction of material as a result of asbestos contamination at Gough Barracks, Armagh in 1998.

After considering your correspondence at the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee meeting on 20 October 2011, Members are now requesting the following further information:

- Can PSNI furnish the Board with a copy of the Health and Safety document setting out the options for a) destroying or b) cleaning reportedly contaminated files?
- Can PSNI provide the Board with a copy of comparative costs for each of the options and the document which claims to set out the value for money case for destruction?
- Can PSNI confirm whether intelligence documents reported to have been destroyed had been filed elsewhere, sent to PSNI Head Quarters or added to RUC computerised Special Branch files? If this was not the case, can PSNI explain the reason for the decision?
- Can PSNI furnish the Board with a list of cases affected by the destruction of these files?

Yours sincerely

BRIAN REA
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Dear *Mr Rea,*

Re: Destruction of Material at Gough Barracks

Thank you for your letter received on 7 December 2011 in which you raise four questions with regard to the destruction of material stored at Gough Barracks.

1. Can the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) furnish the Board with a copy of the health and safety document setting out the options for a) destroying or b) cleaning reportedly contaminated files?

There is no specific document from the Health and Safety Department, rather these issues are eluded too in a series of reports between various police departments and contractors whilst determining whether or not documents should be retained or destroyed. The matter is also mentioned in an answer to a Parliamentary question posed by Mr Kevin McNamara MP.

2. Can the PSNI furnish the Board with a copy of the comparative costs for each of the options and the document which claims to set out the value for money case for destruction?

The only estimates available are for the cleaning of 8 - 9 leverarch file boxes. To clean these there was an estimate in the region of £3150.00. There is nothing held to show the estimates for cleaning the documents held in the filing cabinets however, as it is believed 3848 persons were detained in Gough Barracks during the period in question, if each arrested person has only been interviewed once there would be well in excess of 10,000 pages.

3. Can the PSNI confirm whether intelligence documents reported to have been destroyed had been filed elsewhere, sent to PSNI Headquarters or added to Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) computerised Special Branch files? If this was not the case, can PSNI explain the reason for the decision?



Records indicate that it was copies of intelligence documents that were destroyed, not the original documents. No Special Branch files were held in this store. It is most likely that the intelligence documents destroyed were files in respect of suspected terrorists provided for the benefit of interviewing officers, on all persons arrested for terrorist offences. The files would have been compiled from Special Branch intelligence records held at RUC Headquarters.

4. Can PSNI furnish the Board with a list of cases affected by the destruction of these files?

Reviews are completed on a case by case basis and only when all cases where persons involved were interviewed at Gough Barracks have been reviewed can the PSNI establish how many cases will be affected. Records show that 3684 suspects were interviewed in Gough Barracks during the period in which documents are missing.

Yours Sincerely



J A Harris
ACC Crime Operations

Brian Rea MBE JP
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Date: 19 January 2012

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Dear Mr Harris

DESTRUCTION OF MATERIAL AT GOUGH BARRACKS

I write further to your letter of 12 January 2012 in which you address a number of concerns raised by the Board in relation to the destruction of material as a result of asbestos contamination at Gough Barracks, Armagh in 1998.

In your response you indicate that there is no specific document from the Health and Safety Department that sets out the options for destroying or cleaning reportedly contaminated files, but rather these issues are alluded to in a series of reports between various departments and contractors.

For the purposes of clarification Members would be grateful if you could provide a list of these Departmental reports in advance of the next Board meeting on 2 February 2012.

Yours sincerely



BRIAN REA
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Dear *Mr Rea*

Re: Destruction of Material at Gough Barracks

Thank you for your letter dated the 19 January 2012 in which you ask for a list of those documents which whilst not directly referring to the health and safety issues surrounding the asbestos contamination in Gough Barracks do allude to it. They are as follows:-

29.06.1998 - Police Authority for Northern Ireland Buildings Division fax to Inspector Buildings Branch.
Text notifies the Inspector of the existence of Asbestos discovered as a result of Fire Service survey.

10/07/1998 - Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland letter to Police Authority for Northern Ireland Buildings Division.
Letter discusses costs and the means of dealing (i.e. Cleaning/shredding).

07/07/1998 - RUC Report - D/Sergeant Regional Intelligence Unit to D/Superintendent CID South
Details two options for dealing with the Asbestos issue.

08/07/1998 - RUC Report - D/Superintendent CID South Region to Regional Head CID South Region.
Detailing and excluding options. Seeking direction.

08/07/1998 - RUC Report - D/Chief Superintendent Regional Head South Region to Director of Intelligence FIB Brooklyn
Seeking agreement to shredding

20/07/1998 - RUC Report - D/Inspector to ACC Crime Knocknagoney
Updating on meeting with D/Sergeant Regional Intelligence Unit and seeking direction.



27/07/1998 – RUC Report – ACC Crime to Inspector Buildings Branch
Seeks a report on destruction of papers.

10/08/1998 - RUC Report – Inspector Buildings Branch to D/Superintendent
Knocknagoney.

States the fact that papers are contaminated and although they could have been
cleaned at a high cost it was agreed with the Head of CID South Region that the
papers should be shredded before being buried.

20/08/1998 – RUC Report – D/Chief Inspector Headquarters to D/Inspector Force
Intelligence Bureau
Requesting report on completion of task.

21/08/1998 – RUC Report - D/Inspector Force Intelligence Bureau to D/Inspector
Regional Intelligence Unit South
Requesting report in due course on completion of task.

Two further RUC Reports, reporting completion of the destruction of the
documents and their burial in Dargan landfill site.

I trust you will find this answers your enquiry.

Yours Sincerely



J A Harris
ACC Crime Operations



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Dear Chief Constable

PSNI POLICY ON THE DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAMINATED MATERIAL

I write following correspondence between PSNI and the Board regarding the disposal of asbestos contaminated documents which had been stored in Gough Barracks.

Members became aware of this issue quite some time after the documents had been destroyed and have asked that in future, the Board will be notified in advance of any decisions to dispose of documents where there is evidence of asbestos contamination.

I look forward to receiving your response in time for it to be tabled at the 1 March 2012 Board meeting.

Yours sincerely



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22nd February 2012

Dear Edgar.

PSNI Policy on the Disposal of Asbestos Contaminated Material

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2012.

Should such a situation arise again, I will ask our Health and Safety Branch to advise the Policing Board.

Best Wishes

Matt

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