

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 12:30 IN WATERSIDE TOWER**

**PRESENT:**

Mr John Blair  
Mrs Joanne Bunting  
Mrs Linda Dillon  
Mrs Dolores Kelly  
Mr Philip McGuigan  
Mr Gary Middleton  
Mrs Wendy Osborne  
Mr Mervyn Storey  
(1) Ms Deborah Watters

**OFFICIALS IN  
ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Adrian McNamee, Director of Partnership  
3 Board Officials

**ULSTER UNIVERSITY (2) Professor Duncan Morrow  
IN ATTENDANCE (2) Dr Jonny Byrne**

**(1) Item numbers - 1, 2, 3 and 4.1 (12:30-14:15)**

**(2) Item numbers - 4.1 (13:00-14:15)**

#### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**

The Director of Partnership briefed Members on the appointment process governing the election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Mrs Linda Dillon proposed that Mrs Dolores Kelly be appointed Chair of the Partnership Committee. The proposal was seconded by Mr Philip McGuigan.

It was agreed to elect the Vice Chair at a future meeting as only one Independent Member was in attendance and was unable to accept the role at that time - **NOTED.**

Mr John Blair queried whether the D'hondt system for election of Chair and Vice Chair applied for the Committee. Mr Adrian McNamee confirmed that this was not the case.

Mr John Blair advised the Committee that he wished to raise an issue under Any Other Business in regards to PCSP membership. The Chair invited Mr. Blair to raise the issue at that point. Mr Blair raised some concerns regarding the need for PCSP membership to be fully inclusive to ensure that the whole community was represented. The Chair noted the member's comments - **NOTED**. He also requested clarity on the monitoring of Committee members attendance at meetings / events. He was advised that it was monitored routinely and published on the website - **NOTED**.

The Committee agreed the agenda for the meeting.

Ms Debbie Watters advised that she was attending in her capacity as Vice Chair of the Board with observer status and no voting rights.

## 2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for the meeting were received from Professor Brice Dickson and Mr Colm McKenna.

## 3. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Chair asked members to declare any conflicts of interests arising from the agenda.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### **4. ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Local Policing Review 2018 - Independent Analysis Report**

The Committee considered a paper in relation to Independent Results and Analysis of the Local Policing Review 2018, informed by the public consultation which took place August to November 2018.

As the Independent Analysts, Professor Duncan Morrow and Dr Jonny Byrne from Ulster University joined the meeting to present their initial findings on the consultation and draft report. They highlighted that the consultation process was innovative in terms of the differing approaches to the collection of data and feedback and produced an extensive dataset.

Prof Morrow and Dr Byrne advised the Committee of some of the emerging findings, including the use of terminology, visible policing, neighbourhood policing, 101 number, interagency working and age and gender responses to the Consultation. The Committee discussed these issues and agreed that they should be considered further following receipt of the final report.

Professor Morrow advised the Committee of a report prepared by Ulster University for the PSNI "Assets of Policing with the Community". Mr Adrian McNamee agreed to request a copy of the report to share with the Committee at a future meeting.

Following further discussion on the draft report, and several observations, it was agreed that Professor Morrow and Dr Byrne would make all the requested amendments and the final draft report would be tabled with the Committee at their March meeting.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

- Mr Adrian McNamee would request a copy of the report on Assets of Policing with the Community (UU) from PSNI for the March committee meeting **(AP1)**; and
- A final draft report will be tabled with to the Committee at their March meeting. **(AP2)**

#### **4.2 Annual Effectiveness Report on PCSPs 2017/18**

The Chair introduced the report and Mr Adrian McNamee explained the purpose of the paper was to inform members on the effectiveness of PCSPs for the year 2017/18 and to recommend to the Board approval to publish the report. Following a discussion on the report Mr Gary Middleton raised issues about the budgets for PCSPs, and the length of time taken to produce letters of offer and allocate budgets. Mr Mervyn Storey requested that Joint Committee should consider making the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Finance aware of the impact that annual budget allocations were having on PCSPs. Mr Adrian McNamee acknowledged the issues and advised that DOJ and the Joint Committee are aware of the issues. Mrs Joanne Bunting sought clarification around the measurement of SP1 and SP3.

It was:-

#### **AGREED:**

- Mr Adrian McNamee will refer back to Joint Committee to establish how they measure aspects of SP1 and SP3 **(AP3)**;
- The issue in relation to three year funding should be raised with Sue Grey (Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance) by the DoJ **(AP4)**; and
- To recommend to the Board for the Annual Effectiveness Report on PCSP's report be published **(AP5)**.

#### 4.3. Membership of Joint Committee

Mr Adrian McNamee provided background to the Joint Committee and explained the three main roles within this remit; to provide direction, measure effectiveness and allocation of funding to PCSPs and DPCSPs.

Following discussion Members were requested to agree Board representation on the Joint Committee and in respect of the role, remit and functions of the Joint Committee. Mr Adrian McNamee agreed to add these as an annex to the Partnership Committee's Terms of Reference.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

- The Board's Joint Committee representation for membership to remain as Partnership Committee Chair and Vice Chair and the Board's Chief Executive **(AP6)**; and
- The role and functions of the Joint Committee to be annexed to the Partnership Committee's Terms of Reference for information **(AP7)**.

#### 4.4. PCSP Re-Constitution 2019 - Independent Member Recruitment

A paper was considered in relation to Independent Member Recruitment of PCSP's. Members were informed by Mr Adrian McNamee of the progress made to date on the application pack, information booklet and online application tool. Members provided observations and feedback regarding the application pack, which will be actioned by the Partnership Branch in advance of the launch.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

The Committee make a recommendation for the Board to approve proceeding to advertising for PCSP Independent Members in March 2019 **(AP8)**;

**5. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

None

**6. COMMUNICATION ISSUES / OPPORTUNITIES**

None

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business


**8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 21 March 2019.

**(Meeting closed at 15:00)**

**PARTNERSHIP DIRECTORATE**

**Date: 22 February 2019**



**Chair**