

MINUTES OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2009

Members present:

Sherma Batson (Chair), Tony Dodd, Bernard Engel, Brenda Griffiths, Ian Laidlaw-Dickson, Kevin McGetrick, Richard Smith, Bengie Walden, Sue Warman, Anne Wright

Sarah Coffey, Chris Kitchin, David Lloyd, Stuart Nagler

Officers in attendance:

Steve Devine	Assistant Chief Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Julia Harries	Committee Manager, Hertfordshire Police Authority
Iain McVie	Professional Standards, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Sally Patient	Communications Manager, Hertfordshire Police Authority
Emma Reed	Members' Services Officer, Hertfordshire Police Authority
Andrew White	Chief Executive, Hertfordshire Police Authority

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on Friday 6 March 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

5. PUBLIC REASSURANCE AND DIVERSITY Legislative Changes to 'Stop and Account' activity

The Committee considered a report providing a summary of legislative changes to Code A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE), governing the police practice of 'Stop and Account'.

6. STATUS OF INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITORS (ICVs)

The Committee considered a report setting out the latest and forthcoming actions relating to the work of the ICVs.

CONCLUSIONS

7. PARTNERSHIP WORKING

(a) Police Authority Lead Members (PALs) gave an update on recent events in their area and any issues raised at RAG/CDRP meetings.

(b) Crime and Disorder Update

The Committee considered a report providing an update on crime and disorder issues.

8. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

(a) Complaints File Reading on 26 November 2008

The Committee considered a report setting out issues arising from the most recent complaint file reading.

(b) Direction and Control Complaints – Quarterly report

The Committee noted a report setting out the cumulative statistics for the period 1 April to 31 December 2008 relating to direction and control complaints.

(c) Complaints Statistics – Quarterly inspection

The Committee noted a report setting out the cumulative statistics for the period 1 April to 31 December 2008 relating to complaints against Hertfordshire Constabulary staff under the direction and control of the Chief Constable.

CONCLUSIONS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Friday 10 July 10.00am
Friday 16 October 10.00am

Chair