

PART 1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY HELD ON FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2009 AT COUNTY HALL, HERTFORD

PRESENT

Stuart Nagler (Chair), Robert Gordon, Brenda Griffiths, David Lloyd, Kevin McGetrick, Richard Smith (Vice Chair), Bengie Walden, Sue Warman, Anne Wright, Sarah Coffey, Chris Kitchin, Nigel Brook, Keith Emsall, Sally Newton, Ron Tindall, Derek Scudder

Officers in Attendance

Mick Ball	Head of Organisation Intelligence and Development, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Claire Cook	Representing the Treasurer
Julia Harries	Committee Manager, Hertfordshire Police Authority
James Hurley	Director of Resources, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Andrew Laycock	County Secretary, Hertfordshire County Council
Sally Patient	Communications Manager, Hertfordshire Police Authority
Chris Powell	Head of Resources, Hertfordshire Constabulary
Emma Reed	Members' Services Officer, Hertfordshire Police Authority
Frank Whiteley	Chief Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary

Also present:

Vojislav Mihailovic, JBB Secretary of Hertfordshire Police Federation
Steve Hutchings, JBB Treasurer of Hertfordshire Police Federation

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY FOR 2009/10

The Chief Executive called for nominations for Chair of the Authority for 2009/10.

Stuart Nagler was duly elected Chair of Hertfordshire Police Authority for 2009/10. The Chair thanked fellow members for their support and announced that he would be

The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Richard Smith was duly elected Vice Chair of Hertfordshire Police Authority for 2009/10.

RESOLVED

1. That Stuart Nagler was elected Chair until the moment before the commencement of the next annual meeting of the Authority in 2010.
2. That Richard Smith was elected Vice Chair until the moment before the commencement of the next annual meeting of the Authority in 2010.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Clare Berry. The Committee welcomed Andrew Laycock to the meeting.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Committee discussed whether all members had to declare an interest on Item 9 – Members Allowances. Andrew Laycock confirmed that it was not a legal obligation.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Part 1 minutes of the meeting held on Friday 20 February 2009 and the Extra-ordinary meeting held on Friday 24 April 2009 were confirmed by the Authority as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee thanked Sherma Batson, Michael Colne, Tony Dodd, Bernard Engel and Allan Witherick for all their hardwork and commitment. The Committee wanted to notably thank Ian Laidlaw-Dickson, for his many years serving the Authority.

The Committee welcomed the new County Councillor members, Clare Berry, Nigel Brook, Keith Emsall, Sally Newton, Derek Scudder and Ron Tindall. The Committee also welcomed back the County Councillor members Robert Gordon, David Lloyd and Richard Smith who had been re-appointed by the County Council to the Police Authority.

The Committee congratulated Robert Gordon and Stuart Nagler on their award of Deputy Lieutenancy.

6. QUESTIONS

None

7. PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

8. APPOINTMENT/ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND POLICE AUTHORITY LEAD MEMBERS (PALs)

The following were appointed as Committee Chairs for 2009-10, either unopposed or through a written ballot:

Audit	Robert Gordon
Chief Officer Personnel	Stuart Nagler
Community Engagement	Bengie Walden
Human Resources	Brenda Griffiths
Policy and Planning	David Lloyd
Resources	Chris Kitchin
Scrutiny Committee	Sue Warman

The following were appointed as Police Authority Leads for 2009/10:

Broxbourne	Sarah Coffey
Dacorum	Ron Tindall
East Herts	Sally Newton
Hertsmere	Brenda Griffiths
North Herts	Kevin McGetrick
St Albans	Bengie Walden
Stevenage	Keith Emsall
Three Rivers	Sue Warman
Watford	Derek Scudder
Welwyn Hatfield	Clare Berry

9. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

The Committee considered the proposed revised Member Allowance Scheme, with a view to immediate implementation.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed the revised scheme.

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY 2008/09

The Committee considered a report setting out the draft Annual Report on the Policing Plan 2008/11.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed that the draft Annual Report should be issued with one minor amendment to the wording.

11. REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Committee considered a report setting out the revised Standing orders.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed the revision as set out in the report

'At the commencement of the Annual Meeting of the Authority, the Chief Executive shall preside over the election of the Chair. Once elected, the Chair of the Authority shall preside over the meeting and call for nominations for Vice Chair. Both Chair and Vice Chair shall hold office until the moment before the commencement of the next annual meeting.'

12. DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Committee considered a report setting out the revisions to the Annual Governance Statement for 2008/09.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed the report with three amendments to the wording.

13. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Committee considered the draft Statement of Accounts for 2008/09 along with a report highlighting the key issues.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed the draft with some minor amendments.

14. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That the Part 1 minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on Friday 27 February 2009, Audit Committee held on Friday 6 March 2009, Community Engagement Committee held on Friday 6 March 2009, Scrutiny Committee held on Friday 20 March 2009, Community Engagement Committee held on Friday 24 April 2009, Policy and Planning Committee held on Friday 8 May 2009 and Friday 15 May 2009, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Police Authorities Joint Working Group held on Monday 18 May 2009 and the Scrutiny Committee held on Friday 22 May 2009 were all confirmed by the Committee as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

15. WRITTEN REPORT FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING AN EXTERNAL EVENT

RESOLVED

The Committee noted the report.

16. DUTY TO MONITOR FORCE COMPLIANCE UNDER HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION

The Committee considered a report on the mandatory responsibility of monitoring the compliance of the force in relation to the Human Rights Act 1998.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed that the report would be taken to Policy and Planning Committee to be considered.

17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest test not to disclose information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

18. OPERATIONAL MATTERS

The Chief Constable gave an oral update on recent operational matters of interest.

Chair