



LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY  
22 FEBRUARY 2011  
10.30AM – 1.45PM

## PRESENT

**MEMBERS:** Mr B Young (Chairman), Mr J Cooke (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Atter, Mr N Cooper, Mrs A Crowe JP, Mr R Davies, Mr G Dark, Mr A Dezonie, Mr F Mann JP, Mr R Palmer, Mr P Przyszlak, Mr R Sellars, Mr K Smith, Mr C Underwood-Frost, Dr B Wookey

**SECRETARIAT:** Mr M Burch (Chief Executive), Ms J Flint (Treasurer), Mr J Davidson (Monitoring Officer), Mr J King (Committee and Administration Officer)

**FORCE OFFICERS:** Mr R Crompton (Chief Constable), Mr N Rhodes (Deputy Chief Constable), Mr K Smy (Assistant Chief Constable – Safer Neighbourhoods), Mr R Bannister (Assistant Chief Constable – Protective Services), Mr P Steed (Assistant Chief Officer – Director of Resources), Ms N Shackleton (Assistant Director – Safer Communities)

**APOLOGIES:** Mr R Must, Mr J Walker

## 90/10. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

## 91/10. MINUTES – 28 JANUARY 2011

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 January 2011 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	-

## 92/10. ACTION SUMMARY

**Item F2 (24/09/10)** – Members were circulated with a briefing note prepared by the Treasurer and the Assistant Chief Officer - Director of Resources on the regional comparison of costs.

**Item E2 (28/01/11)** – The Vice Chairman advised that the Policing Change Programme (PCP) Business Case would be presented at the next meeting of the PCP Steering Group.

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the Action Summary be noted.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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### **93/10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None.

### **94/10. 2011/12 BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2012/13 – 2014/15**

The Committee received a detailed briefing from the Treasurer on key areas of the Revenue Budget 2011/2012, Revenue Strategy 2012 – 2015, Capital Strategy and Plans 2011 – 2015 and the economic context within which the financial strategy had been prepared. Members were recommended to adopt a council tax freeze for 2011/12 which would enable the Authority to access the Council Tax Compensatory Grant, equivalent to a 2.5% increase in police precept.

The Chief Constable acknowledged the dilemma faced by the Authority in seeking to address budget shortfalls caused by reductions in levels of Government funding whilst wanting to avoid increasing the burden on council tax payers. Members were advised that the budget for 2011/12 was predicated upon achieving significant savings from across all major service areas combined with a restructuring of the Force and increasing council tax by 2.5%. It was explained that a freeze in precept would result in the council tax base remaining static at the 2010/11 level. He warned that this could lead to a shortfall in precept of up to £4m if the decision to freeze council tax was replicated over the entire Spending Review period as the compensatory grant would be withdrawn in year 5 (2015/16).

Members questioned the robustness and adaptability of planning assumptions which were based upon maintaining, and in some areas improving, the current level of policing services. Whilst the Chief Constable was confident that organisational change would be delivered, he could give no guarantees around future funding as the Government's funding policy would not become clear for a further two years, after the expected mid-term Spending Review.

It was noted that the Authority currently held Reserves amounting to £6.2m. Members questioned whether the provision could be utilised to assist with maintaining policing services. The Treasurer reminded Members that the Reserve was in place to cover unplanned expenditure such as might arise from major

incidents or the payment of excesses on insurance claims. It was incumbent upon the Authority to maintain a prudent level of Reserves to ensure that it remained financially solvent.

Following a number of further questions and comments, the Authority agreed to freeze the level of council tax for 2011/12.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the details contained in the report alongside the resolutions of the Finance and Performance Committee held on 10th February 2011 be noted;</li> <li>2. the Revenue Budget for 2011/12 outlined at Appendix B be approved;</li> <li>3. the Capital Programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 outlined in Appendices 14 and 15 of the attached Budget Report be adopted;</li> <li>4. the Treasury Management Policy in accordance with Section 13 of the attached Budget Report be adopted;</li> <li>5. the Reserves Policy outlined at Section 5 of this report be endorsed;</li> <li>6. the letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government (attached at Appendix E) outlining the Government's intention to take capping action against Local Authorities which increase their Council Tax by more than 3.5% and providing details of potential additional government grant equivalent to a 2.5% Council Tax increase be noted;</li> <li>7. a Budget Requirement for 2011/12 of £109,834,412.41 with a freeze in Council Tax at £179.28 for a Band D property the same as the 2010/11 amount, giving a Council Tax requirement of £42,320,494.37 and a total precept requirement of £42,357,229.41. (<i>Motion carried: 14 votes for, 1 abstained</i>)</li> </ol> <p>NB. Councillor C Underwood-Frost dissociated himself from resolutions 2, 3, 4, 5.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

## 95/10. POLICING PLAN 2011 - 2014

The Chief Executive presented the latest iteration of the Policing Plan 2011 – 2014 for consideration and approval.

Members noted that the Chairman's Foreword and Appendices 3 and 4 had been omitted from the document. The Chief Executive undertook to circulate a finalised

version of the Policing Plan to all Members, which would include those sections which had been omitted.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Policing Plan 2011 – 2014 be approved subject to the addition of the Chairman’s Foreword and Appendices 3 - 4 and that any minor drafting changes delegated to the Chairman of the Police Authority and Chief Constable;</li> <li>2. a finalised version of the Policing Plan be circulated to all Members.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>CE</p>
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**URGENT ITEM**

**96/10. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER**

The Chairman announced that the Authority’s Monitoring Officer, John Davidson had given notice of his intention to step down at the end of May 2011. To ensure that the Authority would be able to fulfil its statutory obligations from 1 June onwards, it would be necessary for the Authority’s Senior Officer Appointments Committee to recommend the designation of a new Monitoring Officer. Members were advised that the Committee comprised the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Authority ex officio plus the Chairman of Human Resources Committee and two other Members elected by the Authority.

The Chairman invited nominations for the election of two further Members to the Committee.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Mrs A Crowe JP and Mr P Przyszlak be appointed to the Senior Officer Appointments Committee.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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**97/10. COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2011**

Members were pleased to note the work of the Authority’s Engagement and Communications Officer in taking forward a number of public engagement initiatives throughout the year.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee meeting held on the 20 January 2011 be received for information.</p>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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**98/10. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 10 FEBRUARY 2011**

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes of the Finance and Performance Committee meeting held on the 10 February 2011 be received for information.</p>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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**99/10. CHIEF CONSTABLE’S OPERATIONAL UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2011**

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>1. That the oral update be noted.</p>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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[The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12.25pm and reconvened at 12.30pm]

**100/10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following items involved the disclosure or likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in paragraph 7 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</p>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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## 101/10. BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

The Assistant Director – Safer Communities provided a comprehensive overview of outsourcing. Members were advised that a detailed Business Case would be presented to the Authority on 25 March.

Following a number of detailed questions and comments, Members agreed to hold a workshop/seminar on outsourcing in early March prior to the full Authority meeting. The Chief Executive advised that the event would be held on 17 March in place of the Strategic Planning Committee although it was unclear at this stage if it would be for a half or full day. It was further agreed that a note of the discussion would be circulated to all Members or information.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
That  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. the report be noted;</li><li>2. a workshop/seminar on Outsourcing be held on 17 March 2011 for all Members;</li><li>3. the Strategic Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 17 March 2011 be cancelled;</li><li>4. a note of discussions be circulated to all Members for information.</li></ol>	- CE / AD – Safer Communities - CAO

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Chairman