



LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY  
23 FEBRUARY 2010  
10.30AM – 12.55PM

**PRESENT**

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

**SECRETARIAT:** Ms J Flint (Treasurer), Mr H Hunt (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr J King (Committee and Administration Officer)

**FORCE OFFICERS:** Mr R Crompton (Chief Constable), Mr N Rhodes (Deputy Chief Constable), Mr P Steed (Director of Finance and Administration), Mr I McCorrison (Head of ICT), Mr P Ryan (Senior Security Specialist)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr D Bambridge (Chairman of the Ethical Standards Committee)

**APOLOGIES:** None

**120/09. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

None.

**121/09. MINUTES – 29 JANUARY 2010**

<b>Resolved:</b>	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>
1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29 January 2010 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	-

## 122/09. ACTION SUMMARY

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the Decision and Action Summary be noted.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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## 123/09. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – 19 JANUARY 2010

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on the 19 January 2010 be received for information.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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## 124/09. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 9 FEBRUARY 2010

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the minutes of the Finance and Performance Committee meeting held on the 9 February 2010 be received for information.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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## MATTERS ARISING

**Minute 42/09** – The Vice Chairman reported that contrary to the minute, he remained Chairman of the Road Safety Partnership.

**Minute 42/09** – The Vice Chairman advised that an officer of Inspector rank had been with the Road Safety Partnership for sometime. However he understood that a Detective Inspector was due to join the Partnership in the near future.

## 125/09. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

## 126/09. REMOTE ACCESS FOR MEMBERS

The Head of ICT explained some of the constraints that ICT faced in providing Members with remote access to the Force network. He was required to work within the national infrastructure and was limited in what he could offer due to various security measures and controls that were in place. However a solution been developed that he considered would meet all the necessary user security requirements and allow Members access to Authority documents, e-mail, calendar and so on through a virtual desk top.

The Senior Security Specialist demonstrated key functions of the virtual desk top, which could be accessed using standard home computers – as long as they had broadband connection.

The Treasurer advised that the proposed solution was a prototype and whilst it needed some further work, it would address Member requirements without the need to invest in new computer equipment.

<b>Resolved:</b>  That  1. the proposed solution for remote Member access to the Force network be accepted in principle; 2. a business case be prepared for consideration by the Authority.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -  T / DCE / HoICT
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## 127/09. COLLABOARTION BOARD UPDATE

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Joint Committee of East Midlands police authorities on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. Copies of the agenda papers were available from the Secretariat and included information about the Collaboration Plan, financial updates and benefits of collaboration. He advised that In the current financial climate there was now a much stronger emphasis on finding savings through collaboration.

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the oral report be noted.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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## 128/09. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OPERATIONAL UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2010

<b>Resolved:</b>  1. That the oral update be noted.	<b>Responsible Officer:</b>  -
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## 129/09. 2010/11 BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST 2011/12 – 2012/13

The Authority received a detailed presentation from the Treasurer on key areas of the 2010/2011 budget, including:

- Expenditure Plans
- Government Funding
- Budget and Precept Options
- Council Tax capping

The Treasurer recommended that the Authority's current policy of planning to increase its revenue streams and moving towards its risk assessed target level in respect of general reserves should continue, particularly given the expected constraints on public sector finances from 2011/12 onwards. Members were advised to limit any increase in the council tax precept to a level which would minimise the risk of capping action – current information indicated that an increase of around 3% would be appropriate.

The Chief Constable reminded Members that the 26% increase in police precept secured by the Authority in 2008/2009 had been a "watershed" moment for the Force, helping to build a solid platform for the delivery of more effective policing in the County. Modest investments over the last few years had helped address gaps in operational policing transforming the Force's protective services capability. The focus now was on supplementing existing resources at a local level to increase trust and confidence through safer neighbourhoods, protecting the public and improving services. Members were advised that a 3% increase in precept would deliver an extra 8 police officers for neighbourhood policing, 2 additional detective constables and allow the creation of a major incident support team. He acknowledged that there were significant financial challenges ahead but was confident that improved services could be achieved through a combination of investment, by reducing and re-prioritising existing spending and through efficiency savings.

Following a number of detailed questions and comments from Members, there followed a lengthy and frank debate on the Budget proposals and in particular the police precept options as set out in the body of the report.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Chief Constable's recommendations for ongoing investment detailed in Table 10 of the Budget Report be approved;</li> <li>2. the Capital Programme for 2010/11 to 2013/14 outlined in the Report be adopted;</li> <li>3. the Reserves policy and changes to the Earmarked and General Reserve detailed at paragraph 5.17 of the Report be endorsed;</li> <li>4. a budget requirement for 2010/11 of £108,296,712.98 with a resulting Council Tax for a Band D property of £179.28 and for other properties an increase of 3% on 2009/10 giving a total precept requirement of £41,994,602.98 be approved; (Vote: for 15, against 1)</li> <li>5. the Revenue Budget for 2010/11 outlined at Appendix A of the Report be approved;</li> <li>6. the Treasury Management Policy in accordance with Section 13 of the Report be adopted.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>HoF</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
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#### 130/09. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER - UPDATE

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the oral update be noted.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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#### 131/09. AWAY DAY TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATES

The Deputy Chief Executive invited Members to consider the notes of a meeting of the Stakeholder Task and Finish Group meeting held on 20 January 2010.

The Vice Chairman updated Members on a meeting of the Culture Task and Finish Group held on 12 February 2010. The Group had considered the results of a recent questionnaire on the organisational culture of the Authority. A summary of the findings would be published in due course. Members were advised that a proposed new Annual Review system developed by the Group would shortly be circulated for comment.

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the notes of the Stakeholders Task and Finish Group be noted;</li> <li>2. the oral update on the Culture Task and Finish Group meeting be noted;</li> <li>3. outcomes from the Away Day Task &amp; Finish Groups be brought into a composite document and presented for consideration at a future meeting of the Authority.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>DCE</p>
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[Mr P Przyszlak and Mr C Underwood-Frost left the meeting at 12.50pm]

**132/09. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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 paragraphs 1 and 7 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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**133/09. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Mr Malcolm Burch be appointed Chief Executive to the Lincolnshire Police Authority with effect from 5 April 2010 or earlier if practicable.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b></p> <p>-</p>
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Chairman