



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
22 APRIL 2010
1.00PM – 2.00PM**

PRESENT

MEMBERS: Mr B Young (Chairman), Mr J Cooke (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Atter, Mr F Mann JP, Mr R Must, Dr B Wookey

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

FORCE OFFICERS: Mr N Rhodes (Deputy Chief Constable), Mr P Steed (Director of Finance and Administration)

APOLOGIES: Mr C Underwood-Frost

48/09. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

49/09. MINUTES – 11 MARCH 2010

Resolved: 1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 March 2010 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	Responsible Officer: -
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50/09. ACTION SUMMARY

Resolved: 1. That the Action Summary be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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51/09. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Monitoring Officer advised that the Authority's Scheme of Delegation to officers had not been formally reviewed since it was approved in November 2003. Moreover, the Scheme lacked clarity in some respects and was less comprehensive than the schemes of some other authorities. The report set out some of the main issues to be considered by the Committee and included a table summarising the main delegations contained with schemes operated by a selection of other police authorities.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of undertaking a prompt review of the Scheme in view of the impending inspection of the Authority by HMIC/Audit Commission. It was agreed that a Task and Finish Group be appointed to undertake the review supported by the Authority's statutory officers. It was agreed that the inaugural meeting would be attended by Members and officers of the Authority only, with Force representatives attending Group meetings thereafter.

The Director of Finance and Administration advised that there were a number of delegations contained within the Financial Regulations which should also be considered.

The Vice Chairman suggested that the Group also consider the provision of limited delegations to Member representatives serving on Community Safety Partnerships and the Community Safety Board.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
That <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the report be noted;2. a Task and Finish Group be appointed to review the Authority's Scheme of Delegation;3. the Chairman of the Authority and the Chairman of Audit Risk and Governance Committee be appointed to the Task and Finish Group supported by the Chief Executive, Treasurer and Monitoring Officer.	- - CAO

52/09. FORCE RISK REGISTER

The Chairman was concerned at what appeared to be fundamental misalignment between the Authority's Risk Register, which focused on strategic risk and the Force Risk Register, which was considered as tactical.

The Deputy Chief Constable suggested that he meet with a member of the Committee to talk through the Committee's concerns and to agree a way forward that would bring the Registers in sync. He further recommended that the Authority appoint a Member representative onto the Force Risk Management Board to secure input at a more senior level.

The Vice Chairman suggested that it was perfectly plausible for both Registers to work in harmony covering both strategic and tactical levels of risk management. The Deputy Chief Constable concurred stating that the Force primarily worked at a tactical or "thematic" level of risk. The Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance Committee stated that the divergence had occurred because both Registers had been developed independently with slightly different aims and purposes.

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meet with the Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) to discuss the misalignment of Authority and Force Risk Registers; 2. following his meeting with the DCC, the Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance brief members of the Risk Task and Finish Group; 3. the Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance attend future meetings of the Force Risk Management Board, supported by the Research and Performance Officer; 4. the Research and Performance Officer be advised when the next version of the Force Risk Register is available. 	<p>Chair ARG/DCC</p> <p>Chair ARG/RPO</p> <p>Chair ARG/RPO</p> <p>DCC</p>

53/09. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The Chairman explained that the report provided an opportunity to take a preliminary look at existing committee memberships following the recent appointment of Andre Dezonie as a new Independent Member. Members were reminded that appointments to committees would be formally ratified at the forthcoming Annual meeting of the Authority scheduled for the end of May.

Members discussed Mr Dezonie's preferences and potential implications for existing committee memberships. The Treasurer recommended that consideration also be given to succession planning in light of the five Independent Member vacancies that would arise later in the year.

The Vice Chairman stated that the Member Annual Reviews should be used as a key mechanism for determining future committee membership. He also suggested that it was "unhealthy" for Members to serve on the same Committees for lengthy

periods of time as it prevented them from developing a rounded view of the Authority.

Resolved: 1. That the report be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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54/09. INSPECTIONS TASK AND FINISH GROUP - UPDATE

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the joint HMIC/Audit Commission inspection of the Authority would take place sometime over September/October 2010. Arrangements were in hand for the Inspections training day scheduled for 30 April, which would include an update on the work of the Inspections Task and Finish Group (ITFG) . The Chairman advised that the programme for the event was subject to change as some of the guest speakers were now unable to attend. However, he envisaged a successful day ahead and advised that a number of other similar events would hopefully be held prior to the inspection.

Resolved: 1. That the oral update be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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55/09. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Deputy Chief Executive stated that a key input into the Committee's work plan would be actions stemming from the work of the ITFG and outcomes from the joint inspection of the Authority. These were likely to be the key drivers for all committee work plans over the coming weeks and months.

The Vice Chairman cautioned that activity around the forthcoming inspection should be regarded as ancillary to those tasks already detailed within the work plans and which still needed to be completed.

The Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance Committee considered that the Inspection Framework would provide a very useful tool for future improvements going forward.

Resolved: 1. That the oral update be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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Chairman