



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
18 JUNE 2010
2.00PM – 3.47PM**

PRESENT

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

SECRETARIAT: Mr M Burch (Chief Executive), Ms J Flint (Treasurer), Mr H Hunt (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr J King (Committee and Administration Officer), Miss G Mason (Research and Performance Officer)

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

APOLOGIES: Mr F Mann, Mr C Underwood-Frost

01/10. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

02/10. MINUTES – 22 APRIL 2010

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 April 2010 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>Minute 52/09 Resolution 2: change wording to read: The Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance Committee attend a meeting of the Risk Task and Finish Group as an observer prior to meeting with the Deputy Chief Constable.</p> <p>Minute 52/09 Resolution 3: change wording to read: The Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance attend future meetings of the Force Risk Management Board as an observer, supported by the Treasurer and Research and Performance Officer.</p>	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>CAO</p>
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03/10. ACTION SUMMARY

Resolved: 1. That the Action Summary be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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04/10. FORCE RISK REGISTER

The Chairman of Audit, Risk and Governance Committee advised that both he and the Chief Executive had earlier attended a meeting with the Deputy Chief Constable to discuss the misalignment of the Force and Authority risk registers. Prior to the meeting he had also attended a meeting of the Force Risk Management Board (RMB) as an observer. Discussions with the Deputy Chief Constable had focused on aligning the strategic elements of both registers; the approach to confidential risk; and having a permanent Member presence on the RMB. The Deputy Chief Constable had accepted that the Force risk register was more tactical in nature and did not reflect strategic risk in the way that the Authority's register did. It had been agreed that the Force risk register would be sub divided into three parts, comprising Strategic, Confidential and Tactical risk. Ultimately, it was hoped that the strategic element of the Force risk register and the Authority's risk register could be successfully merged.

The Deputy Chief Constable requested that the Authority consider its approach to monitoring the confidential element of the Force risk register.

Resolved: 1. That the oral update be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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05/10. POLICE AUTHORITY RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER

Members were advised that a Task & Finish Group had been appointed by the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee to assess the risks facing the Authority in light of the revised Strategic Objectives and to further explore the Authority's risks in relation to partnership working. A full report including recommendations was due to be received by the Committee on 28 June 2010.

Resolved: 1. That the oral update be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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06/10. POLICE AUTHORITY INSPECTIONS

The Chief Executive advised that there was some uncertainty around whether the inspection of the Authority scheduled for September would still go ahead in light of government plans to replace police authorities with an elected individual. However, he was aware that police authority inspections scheduled to take place in July would still be going ahead.

Members were advised that the inspection framework was being used as a basis for developing the Authority's improvement plan and that work would continue regardless of whether the inspection went ahead or not.

The Vice Chairman referred to a meeting with the Force Planning, Innovation and Review Manager that both he and the Deputy Chief Executive had recently attended to discuss preparations for the forthcoming Working for the Public inspection. He advised that the Force was willing to assist the Authority if required in preparing for its own inspection, assuming that it was still going ahead.

Resolved: 1. That the oral update be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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07/10. SCHEME OF DELEGATION - REVIEW

Members were advised that a draft of the revised Scheme of Delegation would be presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: 1. That the report be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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[The Chairman and the Deputy Chief Constable joined the meeting at 2.22pm]

08/10. SPENDING REVIEW CONSULTATION AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Chief Executive tabled a letter from the Secretary State for Communities and Local Government enclosing a copy of the Government's Spending Review Framework. He advised Members that cuts of up to 25% for Local Government and 20% for the Police Service were being muted. The letter had instructed local authorities to begin publishing items of spend over £500 by no later than January

2011. It was suggested that this was something that the Authority might also wish to consider.

The Chairman expressed concern at the likely freeze on council tax increases for the next couple of years. This would have a significant impact on Lincolnshire as the Authority received a higher proportion of council tax income than other precepting authorities. He also advised Members that police forces would not be forced to amalgamate unless there was strong local support for doing so and could be funded from existing resources. The pace of collaboration was therefore expected to increase, with benefits and outcomes closely monitored by government.

The Government was now referring to the replacement of police authorities with a locally elected “individual” rather than a “Commissioner”, as they had yet to agree a remit for the new role. It was anticipated that the elected individual would not only be held accountable for policing but also for community safety. However it was still unclear what level of “checks and balances” would be put in place.

Members were advised that all Chief Constables in England and Wales were being summoned to meeting with the Home Secretary on 21 June. It was anticipated that a similar meeting would also be arranged for police authority Chairs in due course.

Resolved: 1. That the oral report be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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09/10. DEVELOPING THE POLICING PLAN 2011 – 2014

The Treasurer advised the Committee of final preparations for the forthcoming “Away Day” event scheduled for 22 June and circulated a copy of the slides which had been prepared by Prof Lawton for the event. It was hoped that by the end of the day, both the Authority and the Force would have a much clearer idea about how they could deliver an integrated policing strategy.

The Chief Executive sought a clear steer from the Committee on the Authority’s approach to the deep and wide ranging cuts that were anticipated. Members considered that the Away Day would present an opportunity for the Authority and Force to consider the shape of the policing over the next 3 years against a backdrop of reduced funding, increased efficiency savings and value for money. The Treasurer concurred but warned that an announcement on funding for 2012/13 wasn’t expected until November/December, which would hamper financial planning. The Chief Executive suggested that an officer led Task and Finish Group be established to lead on budget planning.

The Vice Chairman emphasised the importance of reaching agreement with regional partners on a programme for delivering quick high value wins. The Director of

Finance suggested that regional governance arrangements be reviewed to reduce bureaucracy and ensure that wins could be secured quickly.

The Vice Chairman recommended that the Committee take forward the development of the Policing Plan as opposed to delegating the responsibility to a separate Task and Finish Group. It was further suggested that Members sub-divide into smaller groups to take forward specific pieces of work and have the facility to co-opt other Members as and when necessary.

<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted; 2. that the Chief Executive, Treasurer, Deputy Chief Constable, Director of Finance and Head of Finance be appointed to a Task and Finish Group to lead on budget planning; 3. the Committee lead on developing the Policing Plan for 2011 – 2014; 4. additional meeting dates be set to ensure that the Committee is able to meet on a monthly basis. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p> <p>CE/Treasurer</p> <p>All</p> <p>CAO</p>
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10/10. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the 2010/11 Workplan be approved. 	<p>Responsible Officer:</p> <p>-</p>
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Chairman