

## **GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

**Committee Room 2, Woodhill House, Aberdeen, Friday, 2 September, 2011 -  
Minute of Meeting of GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD.**

Present:- Councillor Greig, Convener  
Councillor Hendry, Vice Convener  
Councillor Shepherd, Vice Convener  
Councillor Al-Kowarri  
Councillor Collie  
Councillor Cox  
Councillor Dunbar  
Councillor Farquharson  
Councillor Mair  
Councillor McCaig (as substitute for Councillor K Stewart)  
Councillor McGillivray  
Councillor McKail  
Councillor Penny  
Councillor Webster

In Attendance:- Mr Colin McKerracher, Chief Constable, Grampian Police  
Mr John McNab, Deputy Chief Constable, Grampian Police  
Ms Karen Williams, Director of Corporate Services, Grampian Police  
Chief Inspector Nick Topping, Staff Officer, Grampian Police  
Mr Alan Cormack, Head of Logistics, Grampian Police  
Mr Andrew Laing, HMICS  
Mr Paul Boulen, HMICS  
Mr Barry Jenkins, Treasurer  
Ms Karen Donnelly, Depute Clerk  
Ms Fiona Smith, Policy and Advice Officer  
Ms Karen Riddoch, Committee Services Officer

### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

The Convener welcomed Mr Paul Boulen and Mr Andrew Laing from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland to the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Bell, Councillor K. Stewart, Ms J. MacEachran, Clerk to the Board, Mr Colin Menzies, Assistant Chief Constable, Grampian Police, Mr Billy Gordon, Assistant Chief Constable, Grampian Police and Mr Gary Craig, Deputy Director of Corporate Services, Grampian Police.

## **MINUTE OF GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD MEETING OF 1 JULY, 2011**

2. The Board had before it, and approved as a correct record the minute of its previous meeting of 1 July, 2011.

### **The Board resolved:**

To approve the minute as an accurate record.

## **MINUTE OF THE SPECIAL GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD MEETING OF 19 AUGUST, 2011**

3. The Board had before it, and approved as a correct record the minute of the Special Board Meeting of 19 August, 2011.

### The Board resolved:

To approve the minute as an accurate record.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

4. With reference to article 2 of the Special Meeting held on 19 August, 2011, the Convener advised that the issue would be discussed further at the Scottish Police Conveners meeting to be held on 9 September, 2011.

### **The Board resolved:**

To note the matters arising.

## **UPDATED BUSINESS STATEMENT**

5. The Board had before it the updated Board Business Statement dated 2 September, 2011. The Depute Clerk provided a verbal update with respect to the statement as follows:-

10/10: A date for the next meeting of the Development Working Group is to be identified.

11/01: A response is still awaited from the Scottish Policing Board, a further reminder was issued on 23 August, 2011.

11/02: A date for a meeting of the Budget Group was still to be identified.

### **The Board resolved:**

- (i) To instruct the Depute Clerk to issue a reminder to the Scottish Policing Board seeking a response to correspondence from the Board.
- (ii) To otherwise note the updated Business Statement.

## REVENUE EXPENDITURE MONITORING REPORT – 31 JULY, 2011

6. The Board had before it a report from the Chief Constable and the Treasurer that presented the Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for the period to 31 July, 2011.

The Treasurer introduced the report which detailed that the Force were currently projecting an under spend of £708,000 for 2011/12 against an approved net revenue budget of £113.105m. Appendix A to the report provided a detailed account of the Force's revenue expenditure and associated funding. The Board welcomed the report and noted that it provided further evidence of the ongoing careful management of the Force's finances.

**The Board resolved:**

To note the report

## CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – 31 JULY, 2011

7. The Board had before it a report from the Chief Constable and the Treasurer which provided an update on the progress of the 2011/12 Capital Plans, on the projected outturn for the year and highlight changes since the previous meeting.

The Treasurer introduced the report and advised that the 2011/2012 Capital Plan had increased by £30,000 taking the total budget to £4.362m following the award of capital funding by the Scottish Government to NESCAMP for the replacement of a vehicle in the current financial year. Unallocated funds currently amount to £2.377m, the allocation of which was being considered by the Force's Programme Board.

Appendix A to the report provided a detailed account of the 2011/12 Capital Plan and Appendix B presented the profile of spend for the National Performance Platform project funded from the Efficient Government grant carried forward from 2010/11.

**The Board resolved:**

To note the report

## QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT

8. The Board had before it the performance report from the Chief Constable which summarised the Force's performance during quarter 1 of 2011/12. The report should be considered in conjunction with the document (Continuing our Platform for Success 2011/12) which outlines the Force's strategic direction for the year.

The Deputy Chief Constable introduced the report and provided an overview of the details of the report. The Deputy Chief Constable advised that the report showed that the Force continued to sustain performance and was mostly positive. The report contained detailed information which included new local indicators. The detection rate indicator was showing as below average however the Force

was working hard to improve in that area. The Deputy Chief Constable invited members to seek further information in any area of interest.

Councillor Farquharson requested further information in relation to the seizure of drugs in recent months in Aberdeen and the wider picture for the drugs scene in the North East. The Chief Constable provided detailed information on the drugs scene and highlighted the unique picture for Grampian.

Councillor McKail requested further information in relation to drug related deaths and in particular the position overall in Scotland. The Chief Constable provided details of the potential reasons for the higher number of deaths and advised that the national statistics would be brought back to the Board. The Deputy Chief Constable advised that a combined report for alcohol and drug related statistics would be brought back to the Board.

**The Board resolved:**

- (i) To note that a report on alcohol and drug related issues would be provided to the Board in due course; and
- (ii) To otherwise approve the report.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**Councillor McCaig declared an interest in the following item of business due to his position as BID Director. Councillor McCaig left the meeting during consideration of the item.**

**ABERDEEN BID (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT)**

9. The Board had before it a report from the Chief Constable which advised the Board of the successful vote to set up an Aberdeen BID.

The Director of Corporate Services introduced the report and provided a summary of the report and explained that five themes of the Aberdeen BID funding had been identified following consultation with local businesses.

**The Board resolved:**

To note the report.

**COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUNDS – 2010/11 APPLICATIONS**

10. The Board had before it a report from the Chief Constable which presented details of the funding applications approved during 2010/11 which were met from the Community Initiative Fund.

The Chief Constable introduced the report and advised that the Community Initiative Fund was made available to the Force's Operational Policing Divisions. Appendix A to the report provided details of the payments made and the recipients.

**The Board resolved:**

To note the report.

**GRAMPIAN GYPSY/TRAVELLERS SUMMIT**

11. The Board had before it a report from the Depute Clerk which presented the outcome of the Grampian Gypsy/Travellers summit held in Inverurie on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 and also presented a draft Board Action Plan arising from the summit.

Ms Fiona Smith introduced the report and highlighted that the Summit Steering Group had considered the feedback from the previous Board meeting and amended the report, a copy of which was attached. Ms Smith further advised that an Action Plan had been drawn up which was attached for consideration and approval.

Councillor Collie requested that the report be issued to all Councillors as they would find it beneficial to assist their local communities.

Councillor Webster advised that the identification of suitable sites for the Gypsy/Travellers should be a priority and requested that this be added to the action plan and that regular updates are provided to the Board.

**The Board resolved:**

- (i) To note the Grampian Gypsy/Travellers summit report;
- (ii) To approve the draft Board Action Plan with the inclusion of the amendments as above.

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**Prior to considering the remaining items of business, the Board resolved that in terms of section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items so as to avoid disclosure of the information of the class described in the following paragraphs of Schedule 7(A) to the Act:- Article 12 (paragraph 1), Article 13 (paragraphs 8 and 10) and Article 14 (paragraphs 8 and 10).**

**OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

12. The Chief Constable provided a verbal update to Board members with respect to a range of current operational matters.

**The Board resolved:**

To note the update.

## **PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING**

13. The Board had before it a report from the Chief Constable which provided the Board with background information on the Force's property and sought approval for a Property Asset Management Plan (PAMP) which contained a detailed Action Plan.

The Director of Corporate Services, Grampian Police introduced the report which summarised the need for an estate that was flexible for current circumstances and adaptable for longer term organisational change. The Property Asset Management Plan was circulated to the Board which set out a series of actions relating to the Force estate.

### **The Board resolved:**

- (i) To approve the Property Asset Management Plan; and
- (ii) To instruct that the actions detailed in the PAMP be implemented with progress against the Plan being reported on an annual basis to the Board commencing in April, 2012.

## **PROPOSED NEW ABERDEEN CUSTODY SUITE**

14. The Board had before it a report from the Chief Constable which requested agreement for submitting an offer to purchase a site at Kittybrewster within Aberdeen for a proposed new custody suite.

The Deputy Chief Constable introduced the report and highlighted the need for the Force to modernise the current custodial suite within Aberdeen following a decision made by the Grampian Police's Strategic Custody Forum in 2010 to develop four Centres of Custody Excellence, one to be in Aberdeen.

### **The Board resolved:**

- (i) To agree to submit an open market offer for the Scottish Water site at Kittybrewster; and
- (ii) If the offer is accepted, to agree to a scoping cost/benefit analysis to determine the optimum delivery model for the future construction and management of the facility, of which the model would be the subject to a further report and approval by the Board.

**COUNCILLOR M GREIG, Convener.**