

Grampian Joint Police Board

Committee Room 5, Town House, Aberdeen. Minute of Meeting of the **SPECIAL GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD** of 25 February 2013.

Present:- Councillor Ron McKail, Convener
Councillor Fraser Forsyth, Vice Convener
Councillor Alison Evison
Councillor Andrew Finlayson (as substitute for Councillor Marie Boulton)
Councillor Martin Greig
Councillor Allan Hendry
Councillor Fergie Hood
Councillor M Tauqeer Malik (as substitute for Councillor Willie Young)
Councillor Douglas Ross
Councillor Angela Taylor
Councillor Gordon Townson (as substitute for Councillor Jackie Dunbar)
Councillor Chris Tuke

In Attendance:- Mr Colin Menzies, Deputy Chief Constable, Grampian Police
Ms Karen Williams, Director of Corporate Services, Grampian Police
Ms Jacqueline Munro, Senior Accountant, Grampian Police
Ms Jane MacEachran, Clerk to the Board
Mr Barry Jenkins, Treasurer
Ms Karen Riddoch, Committee Services Officer, Aberdeen City Council
Ms Fiona Smith, Policy and Advice Officer, Aberdeen City Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ron Shepherd, Marie Boulton, Jackie Dunbar, Iris Walker and Willie Young; Ms Karen Donnelly, Depute Clerk and Ms Rachel Browne, Audit Scotland.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Prior to considering the remaining item 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 item so as to avoid disclosure of information of the class described at paragraphs 1, 9 and 14 of Schedule 7(A) to the Act.

POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE REFORM – PROPOSALS FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, RIGHTS, LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

2. The Board had before it a joint report from the Chief Constable and the Treasurer which provided an update on arrangements for the transfer of property, rights, liabilities and obligations from the Police Board to the Scottish Police Authority or to Local Authorities, as appropriate.

Ms Williams introduced the report and explained that Schedule 5 to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provided for Scottish Ministers to arrange the statutory transfer of property, rights, liabilities and obligations from Joint Police Boards, Unitary Authorities and Chief Constables to the Scottish Police Authority or to Local Authorities, as appropriate through a transfer scheme.

The report provided an explanation of how the Transfer Scheme worked and contained various appendices which provided the details of each stage of the Scheme including the current list of assets and property held by the Grampian Police Board.

The report recommended:-

that the Board –

- (a) note the content of the report including
 - the legislative framework regarding property transfers from the Board as set out in paragraph 6.1
 - the draft principles of transfer of PRiLO (Appendix 1)
 - the draft recommended processes regarding the transfer of individual categories of PRiLO as set out in the handling document (Appendix 2)
 - the update on specific queries if any had previously been raised (Appendix 3)
 - the list of heritable property, provided at Appendix 4, which has been identified as properties requiring to transfer
 - the draft dispute resolution process (Appendix 5);
- (b) identify from Appendix 4 any heritable property where it has been agreed that the relevant heritable property should not transfer to the Scottish Police Authority but should instead transfer to a constituent Local Authority of the Board;
- (c) identify from Appendix 4 any heritable property which the Board does not consider eligible to transfer to the Scottish Police Authority and wishes the matter to be considered through the dispute resolution processes;
- (d) notes that all property, rights, liabilities and obligations, other than those which the Board has identified to be transferred to a Local Authority or wishes to be referred to dispute resolution as per (b) and (c) above, will transfer to the Scottish Police Authority;
- (e) notes that the Board's position on the above will be notified to the Scottish Government through the completion of the "Agreement Document" attached at Appendix 6; and
- (f) note that a further report will be provided to the Board in March to provide an update on progress with any disputed items and to provide an update on any movements in the heritable property list, eg, disposals.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to approve recommendations (a), (d), (e) and (f);
- (ii) in relation to recommendations (b) and (c) to note that there were no assets or properties that the Board wished to transfer to a Local Authority or to refer to the dispute resolution process; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the content of the report.

- COUNCILLOR RON MCKAIL, Convener.