

**Grampian Joint Police Board  
Complaints Sub Committee**

ABERDEEN, Monday, 25, February, 2012. Minute of Meeting of the  
**GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD, COMPLAINTS SUB COMMITTEE.**

Present:- Councillor Forsyth, Chairperson; and Councillors Evison, McKail (as substitute for Councillor Walker), Ross and Tuke.

In Attendance:- Mr Colin Menzies Deputy Chief Constable and Chief Superintendent Ewan Stewart, Grampian Police, Ms Fiona Smith, representing the Depute Clerk and Ms Karen Riddoch, Aberdeen City Council.

**OPENING REMARKS**

1. The Chairperson advised that Chief Superintendent Ewan Stewart would retire from the Force on Friday, 1 March and this would be his last meeting. The Chair thanked Mr Stewart for his continuous hard work for the Force and the Board and wished him well for the future.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

To concur with the remarks of the Chairperson.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Boulton and Walker, Ms Jane MacEachran, Clerk to the Board; and Ms Karen Donnelly, Depute Clerk to the Board.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 26 NOVEMBER 2012**

3. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 26 November 2012.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

To approve the minute as a correct record.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT QUARTER FOUR  
PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2012**

4. The Sub Committee had before it a report from the Chief Constable, which provided an oversight opportunity and informed members of the performance of the Force in relation to their handling of complaints over the period in question.

Chief Superintendent Ewan Stewart introduced the report and advised that the total number of complaints received was 157, of which 133 were recorded against on duty which was an increase in relation to the same quarter in 2011/12 and 24 were recorded against quality of service which was a decrease in relation to the same quarter in 2011/12. He advised that 69 letters of appreciation had been received by the Force and forwarded to Professional Standards.

The report contained various graphs and comments which outlined the nature of the complaints and the conclusions. The report appended the Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland Overview which provided details of one case handling review and two decision letters that were issued during quarter three.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

To approve the report

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**The Sub Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the following paragraphs of Schedule 7(A) to the Act:- articles 5, 6 and 7 (paragraph 1).**

**MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF 18 JANUARY 2013**

5. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its special meeting of 18 January 2013.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

To approve the minute as a correct record

**MATTERS ARISING**

6. Ms Smith provided a verbal update with respect to the determination of the Senior Officer Complaint.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

To note the update provided.

**COMPLAINT ABOUT A SENIOR OFFICER**

6. The Sub Committee had before it a report from the Depute Clerk, which presented details of complaints that had been received against a Senior Officer. The report requested members to consider the options available in respect of dealing with the complaints.

Ms Smith introduced the report and provided background information in relation to the complaints.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

- (i) To conclude that it cannot draw a reasonable inference from the complaint that misconduct on the part of a senior officer had been committed and to take no further action in respect of the complaint; and
- (ii) To otherwise note the content of the report.

**- Councillor Forsyth, Chairperson.**