
Report To:	Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee	Date:	30 August 2011
Report By:	Corporate Director Education & Communities	Report No:	SCS/73/11/AH/MM
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Subject:	Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue – Minute of Meeting of 9 June 2011		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit for Members information a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue, as per Appendix 1, held on 9 June 2011.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council is represented on the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority by Councillors Moran and White.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that the Minutes be presented to the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee as they become available.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.

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Corporate Director Education & Communities

STRATHCLYDE POLICE AUTHORITY - MINUTES OF MEETING ON 21 APRIL 2011

STRATHCLYDE POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF NINETY FOURTH MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2011

Held in City Chambers, Glasgow

Contact Officer:

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If you have any queries about this minute or about the Police Authority in general please phone or write to Mr Mannings, Chief Executive, City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow G2 1DU.

Attended:

City of Glasgow:

Councillor Stephen Curran (Convener)
Councillor Jean McFadden
Councillor James McNally
Councillor Iris Gibson
Councillor Christopher Mason

East Renfrewshire:

Councillor Barbara Grant

Renfrewshire

Councillor Bill Perrie

North Lanarkshire:

Councillor Michael Ross
Councillor Danny Carrigan

East Dunbartonshire:

Councillor Rhondda Geekie (Substitute)

South Lanarkshire:

Councillor Allan Falconer (Vice Convener)
Councillor Andy Carmichael
Councillor Brian McKenna

Argyll and Bute:

Councillor James McQueen

North Ayrshire

Councillor Peter McNamara

South Ayrshire:

Councillor Peter Convery

East Ayrshire:

Councillor Robert McDill (Substitute)

West Dunbartonshire

Councillor David McBride

Apologies: Councillors Muir, Rabbani (Glasgow); Shaw (North Lanarkshire); Wardhaugh (South Lanarkshire); MacMillan (Argyll & Bute); Toner (South Ayrshire); Brooks, Moran (Inverclyde); Jarvis, Walker (East Dunbartonshire); Todd (East Ayrshire); Lawson (Renfrewshire); and McNicol (North Ayrshire).

Attending: K Mannings (Chief Executive); E Connor (Deputy Chief Executive); S House (Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police); N Richardson (Deputy Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police); I McPherson (Director of Legal Services, Strathclyde Police); A Macleod (Director of Finance and Resources, Strathclyde Police); J Gillies (Director HR, Strathclyde Police); A McKenzie (Acting Property Services Manager, Strathclyde Police); and S Crichton (Assistant Treasurer).

Mr Mannings indicated that the presentation by Superintendent Cuddihy at Item 18 would not now take place due to operational reasons however he advised members that the presentation would be rescheduled for a future meeting.

1. Minutes of meetings held since last Authority meeting

- (a) the minutes of the Audit Sub-committee meeting held on 15 February 2011 were submitted and noted;
- (b) the minutes of the Resources and Best Value Sub-committee meeting held on 16 February 2011 were submitted and noted;
- (c) the minutes of the Complaints Sub-committee meeting held meeting held on 22 February 2011 were submitted and noted;
- (d) the minutes of the Police Authority meeting held on 24 February 2011 were submitted and noted. Councillor McNamara referred to Item 12 the Chief Constable's verbal report to members and asked if there had been any progress with regards to the Workshop being organised. Mr Mannings indicated that this matter was progressing and would be concluded before recess.
- (e) the minutes of the Extraordinary Personnel Sub-committee meeting held on 25 February 2011 were submitted and noted.

Part 1

2. A Consultation on the Future of Policing in Scotland

The Chief Executive submitted a report relative to the Scottish Government's Consultation on the Future of Policing in Scotland. The report intimated that the response had been informed by the Scottish Government Consultation Paper; an Authority member seminar on Police Reform and the supporting presentation by Scottish Government Officers; a series of presentations on the Sustainable Policing Project by the Deputy Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police, Neil Richardson; and views expressed by members during the normal course of business by the Authority. The members indicated that the paper had been well written however Councillor Mason asked that some points be edited and Mr Mannings advised that he would take those points into consideration when submitting the report to the Scottish Government. Having heard from the Chief Executive in further explanation of the report and after a full discussion, the Authority agreed to approve the Police Authority's response to the Consultation on the Future of Police in Scotland.

3 Strathclyde Police Authority Review

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Review of the Police Authority. The report detailed the ongoing implementation and asked members to consider approving the recommendations to facilitate agreed governance and scrutiny improvement measures. The Chief Executive indicated that, in relation to the proposed membership of the new committee structure at Annex C, if any members had any concerns with regards to the membership of the Committees they should contact him directly. He advised members that the Chair of the New Community & Citizens Engagement Committee would be Councillor Michael Ross and the Chair of the new Strategic Planning and Performance Committee would be Councillor Andy Muir. Mr Mannings then thanked members for their continued support with regards to the set-up of the new Committees and their special interest areas. Having heard from the Chief Executive in further explanation, the members agreed; (i) to note the implementation plan specified at Annex A and intended completion by 1 June 2011; (ii) to note the update to the review and implementation status of the fourteen recommendations specified at Annex B; (iii) to agree the composition of the Committees at Annex C, subject to further change; and (iv) to agree the member portfolio and roles within Special Interest Area Scheme at Annex D.

4. SPA Communications Strategy 2011-2014 & Delivery Plan 2011-2012

The Chief Executive submitted a report relative to the Authority's three year Communications Strategy 2011-2014 and the 12 month Communications Strategy Delivery Plan 2011-2012. The report indicated that the aim of both documents was to raise the profile of, and understanding of, the Authority's role and improve the way the Authority communicated and engaged with the public, staff and stakeholders. Having heard from the Chief Executive in further explanation, the Authority agreed to approve; (i) the Authority's Corporate Communications Strategy 2011-2014; (ii) the Authority's Communications Strategy Delivery Plan 2011-2012; and (iii) to refer future approval, monitoring and evaluation of the Communications Strategy Delivery Plan to the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee.

5. Appointment of Police Appeals Tribunal

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive advising members of an appeal recently lodged with the Chief Executive by a former officer under the Police Appeals Tribunals (Scotland) Rules 1996 proposing that a Police Appeals Tribunal be established to determine the appeal in accordance with the applicable legislation. Having heard from the Chief Executive in further explanation the Authority agreed; (i) to establish a Police Appeals Tribunal to determine an appeal by a former officer against a decision requiring him to resign from the service as an alternative to dismissal; (ii) to nominate Councillor Michael Ross to serve on the Tribunal; (iii) to authorise the Chief Executive to arrange the appointment of the remaining members of the Tribunal; and (iv) to authorise the Chief Executive to proceed with the arrangements for the determination of the appeal by the Tribunal.

6. Kent Police Authority Collaborative Framework for the Supply of Ambient Meals and In-Cup Drinks

The Chief Constable submitted a report inviting members to consider approving participation in the Kent Police Authority Collaborative Framework for the Supply of Ambient Meals and In-Cup Drinks. Having heard from Mr Macleod in further explanation and after further discussion, the Authority agreed to; (i) approve participation in the Collaborative Framework for the Supply of Ambient Meals and In-Cup Drinks organised by Kent Police Authority; and (ii) authorise the Director of Legal Services, acting on behalf of the Police Authority, to conclude any appropriate legal documentation with 3663 First for Foodservice Limited.

7. Procurement Scotland – Utilities Framework for the Supply of Water and Waste Water Services and Provision of Automatic Meter Reading Services

The Chief Constable submitted a report inviting members to approve the Police Authority's participation in the Framework Agreement put in place by the Scottish Ministers for the Supply of Water and Waste Water Services and Provision of Automatic Meter Reading Services to Scottish Public Bodies, and to authorise the subscription of an Agency Agreement between the Police Authority and the Scottish Ministers whereby the latter on the Authority's behalf would purchase water and waste water and any other services and enter into supply arrangements with Framework Suppliers. Having heard from Mr Macleod in further explanation and after a full discussion, the Authority agreed to; (i) approve the Police Authority's participation in the Scottish Public Sector Framework Agreement for the Supply of Water and Waste Water Services and Provision of Automatic Meter Reading Services; (ii) approve the conclusion of an Agency Agreement with the Scottish Ministers, authorising the Scottish Ministers to act as the Police Authority's Agents for the purposes detailed in paragraph 1.3 of the report and containing the Client Obligations and Client Warranties as detailed at 1.3 within the report; (iii) to authorise the Force's Acting Property Services Manager, acting on behalf of the Police Authority to sign the Agency Agreement and to undertake, as and when required, the obligations of the Police Authority under the Agency Agreement by producing the required relevant information; and (iv) to agree all recommendations on the basis that an update report be provided at the next full meeting outlining additional information which should specifically include potential cost savings and the detail of the companies involved.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor McNally declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the decision making thereon.

8. Framework Agreement for the Provision of Building Design Services

There was submitted a report by the Chief Constable inviting members of approve participation in a framework agreement which had been put in place by Lothian & Borders Police Board for the provision of Building Design Services, and in that event, to authorise the Acting Property Services Manager to proceed to award call-off contracts from that framework. Having heard from Mr Macleod in explanation and after discussion the Authority agreed to: (i) approve the Authority's participation in the Lothian and Borders Police Board National Framework Agreement for the provision of Building Design Services; and (ii) authorise the Force's Acting Property Services Manager to award call-off contracts under the Framework Agreement subject to that officer being satisfied that such awards provide value for money for the Authority and, in the case of contracts where the value exceeds £40,000, to obtain approval in principle to the award from the Force's Directors of Finance and Resources and Legal Services.

9. Proposed Participation in National Policing Improvement Agency Framework Arrangement for the Purchase of Vehicles and Vehicle Components

The Chief Constable submitted a report seeking the approval for participation in the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) Framework Agreement for the Provision of Vehicles and Spare Parts. Having heard from Mr Macleod in explanation and after further discussion, the Authority agreed to: (i) approve Strathclyde Police's participation in the NPIA Framework Arrangement for the Provision of Vehicles and Spare Parts; and (ii) authorise the Force's Head of Transport and Logistics, acting on behalf of the Police Authority, and working with other Scottish Forces' Fleet Managers to undertake mini competitions under the Framework Agreement and thereafter to award a contract on contracts under, and subject to, the terms of the Framework Agreement by placing an order or orders with the successful bidder/bidders to satisfy the Force's requirements for vehicles and spare parts.

10. Provision of Services in Relation to an Employee Wellbeing Programme

The Chief Constable submitted a report relative to the issues which had been experienced in relation to tendering for the Provision of Services with regards to an Employee Wellbeing Programme. The reported noted the requirement for a continued service provision and the informal arrangements which had been made to secure service continuity. The report asked members to consider authorising a formal extension to the current contract. Having heard from Mr Gillies in further explanation and after further discussion, the Authority agreed to: (i) note for the reasons given within the report that the tendering exercise was taking longer than anticipated for the provision of services in relation to an Employee Wellbeing Programme and the informal discussions with the current service provider for continued service provision by ICAS, Glasgow for an Employee Assistance Programme, under the current Contract which was due to expire on 31 May 2011; (ii) authorise a formal extension to the Contract for a period of two months from 1 June 2011 to 31 July 2011 with ICAS at a cost of £27,500; and (iii) instruct the Director of Legal Services, Strathclyde Police, acting for the Authority, to agree and conclude appropriate documentation with ICAS to evidence the said extension.

PART 2

11. Chief Constable's Verbal Report to Members

The Chief Constable provided an oral report to members on current matters relating to the delivery of the Police service in Strathclyde. In particular, he spoke about the impact of the suspect packages which had been delivered to several prominent people and he called it a criminal and reckless action. He indicated that he was unable to answer any questions at the present time as a full investigation was currently underway.

He also referred to the Rangers/Celtic football match which was due to be at the holiday weekend. He advised members that the police were now well versed in policing these events and he envisaged that the match would go ahead with a peaceful conclusion.

Mr House then spoke to members about the incidents of rape since 1 January 2011. He indicated that there had been nine recorded incidents of rape which had been very distressing to the families involved. However, he advised that eight of the nine cases were now with the Procurator Fiscal's Office. He indicated that Glasgow City Centre was still a relatively safe place but advised that crime still took place and it was up to individuals to look out for themselves and their friends.

Mr House then went on to update members on the Property Strategy in particular, he intimated that the new modular cells at Saltcoats had been completed on time and under budget and the joint partnership working with the Scottish Court Service meant that the modular cells at Kilmarnock would be completed by 26 May and that members would receive an invitation to attend the official opening. He then advised members of the progress of other property projects and paid tribute to the staff within the Property Services Section for the great work they had done and in particular he intimated that Alistair McKenzie had performed diligently in pushing the Property Strategy forward.

Mr House then advised members that there would be no Performance Report for this meeting due to the Scottish Parliamentary election on 5 May 2011, but advised that the Year End figures would be available at the next meeting of the Full Authority.

Discussion took place on the Property Strategy and it was noted that the Chief Constable would provide Councillor Carrigan with further information on the potential disposal of the old Kilsyth Police Office. Following the Chief Constable's reference to Renfrew Police Office and the Property Strategy, Councillor Curran reminded all members of their responsibility not to use publicity as Authority members to influence public opinion or promote a particular candidate or party during the period before an election. Having questioned the Chief Constable on a number of issues, members agreed to note his verbal report.

12. Complaints about the Police – Statistical Return

There was submitted a report by the Chief Constable detailing statistical information relative to investigation of complaints against members of the Force, for the period 1 April 2010 – 28 February 2011. The report advised that the overall trend for complaints throughout the Force was down by 17.5% compared to the same period for 2009/10 (and by 26.3% against 2008/09). Discussion took place with regard to the report and Councillor Convery asked if it was possible in future to include figures which indicated the number of cases taken up by the Procurator Fiscal's Office. Councillor Curran indicated that this would be looked at by the relevant department of the Force. Having heard from the Chief Constable in further explanation, the members agreed to note the contents of the statistical information relating to the investigation of complaints against members of the Force.

13. Revenue Budgetary Control 2010/11

There was submitted a report by the Chief Constable relative to the position of the Strathclyde Police Revenue Budget as at 28 February 2011. The report provided a comparison of actual expenditure for the period 1 April 2010 to 28 February 2011 against estimated expenditure and indicated that the net expenditure position was showing an underspend of £11,524,470 or 3%. Discussion took place with regard to Police Officer numbers and Councillor Mason asked that future budget reports include additional information in table format which provided clarity around Police Officer numbers. Having heard from Mr Macleod in further explanation, the members agreed to note the current position of the Strathclyde Police Revenue Budget.

14. Contracts Reported Since Last Authority Meeting

There was submitted a report by the Chief Constable relative to all contracts accepted during the period 1 February 2011 to 31 March 2011 with an estimated value of between £40,000 and £200,000 (both exclusive of VAT). Having heard from the Chief Constable in further explanation the members agreed to note the terms of the report.

15. Charging for Use of Police Resources Deployed at Football Matches

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and Chief Constable relative to the use of Police resources deployed at football matches. The report advised of the terms and conditions of the proposed legal agreement between Strathclyde Police Authority and football clubs to regulate policing at football matches within the Strathclyde area. Having heard from Mr McPherson in further explanation and after discussion, the members agreed to note the contents of report and to instruct the Chief Constable to report back to a subsequent meeting of Strathclyde Police Authority with an update report and progress with conclusion of legally binding agreements between Strathclyde Police Authority and football clubs.

Part 3

Exclusion of Public

The Authority resolved in terms of Section 50J (1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item of business it being considered that otherwise there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of Paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Schedule 7A of the said Act.

16. Measured Term Contract for Property Maintenance and Minor Works 2011-2014 - Contract Areas 1 & 3

The Chief Constable submitted a report updating members of developments in relation to the award of Measured Term Contracts for Contract Areas 1 (B, L and N Divisions) and 3 (Q and U Divisions) and in light of those developments to seek Members' approval to award contracts for Areas 1 & 3 to the second lowest bidder. Having heard from Mr Macleod in further explanation and after further discussion the members agreed to: (i) note the reasons why it had not been possible for Force personnel to implement the approvals previously given by the Police Authority in relation to the awards of Measured Term Contracts for Contract Areas 1 & 3; (ii) note and ratify the actions taken by the Force's Acting Property Services Manager to ensure continued service provision in Contract Areas 1 & 3 by Morris & Spottiswood Limited pending the award of new contracts; (iii) approve acceptance by the Director of Legal Services, acting on behalf of the Police Authority, of the offers submitted by Morris & Spottiswood, 54 Helen Street, Glasgow G51 3HQ, in respect of the said Contract Areas 1 & 3, subject to letters being issued by the Acting Property Services Manger, Strathclyde Police, with regards to the Mandatory Standstill Period and no challenge by other participants in the tendering process; and (iv) authorise the Acting Property Services Manager, subject to the satisfactory performance of the contractor, to exercise the option to extend the period of the contracts by one year at the end of the three year contract period.

17. Proposed Collaboration with Central Scotland Police Force in Relation to the Purchase, Storage and Distribution of Police Uniforms

There was submitted a report by the Chief Constable relative to an opportunity which had arisen to collaborate with Central Scotland Police in relation to shared storage and logistics facilities and ancillary services. Having heard Mr Macleod in further explanation the members agreed to: (i) note an opportunity which had arisen for collaborating with Central Scotland Joint Police Board in relation to shared storage and logistics facilities and ancillary services regarding the supply and distribution of Police Uniforms; and (ii) to authorise the Director of Legal Services, Strathclyde Police, acting on behalf of Strathclyde Police Authority, in consultation with the Force's Head of Transport and Logistics to negotiate, agree and conclude an Agreement with Central Scotland Joint Police Board on appropriate terms relative to the collaboration and to report back to a later meeting of Strathclyde Police Authority on the terms of the Agreement once agreed and concluded.