

REPORT OF THE SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY

The Sussex Police Authority met at Sackville House, Lewes, on 31 May 2012

Attendances:

Mr S Waight (Chairman), Mrs C Shaves MBE JP (Vice-Chairman), L Barnard, Mr P Bratton, Prof G Bull, Dr L Bush, Ms E Daniel, Mr G Daniel JP, Mr B Duncan, Mr P Evans, Mr P Jones, Mr A Price JP, Mr A Smith, Mr R Tidy MBE and Dr R Walker.

The Police Authority considered a wide range of policing issues at the meeting including the following matters. The full set of reports to the Police Authority can be accessed on the Authority's website www.sussexpoliceauthority.gov.uk

1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

- 1.1 The Authority has appointed Mr Steve Waight as its Chairman and Mrs Carole Shaves MBE JP as its Vice-Chairman until the abolition of the Police Authority.

2. Regulation A19 - Compulsory Retirement of Police Officers

- 2.1 At the February Police Authority meeting, the continuing use of regulation A19 was reviewed as part of the annual budget setting process. At that time members asked for a more detailed review to be brought to the May meeting of the Authority.
- 2.2 Regulation A19 of the Police Regulations 1987 provides for the compulsory retirement of police officers up to and including the rank of Chief Superintendent on the grounds of the general efficiency of the Force. The regulation applies to officers with 30 years pensionable service.
- 2.3 The Authority approved the use of Regulation A19 at its meeting on the 26 May 2011 in order to achieve planned savings that required reductions in police officer posts by 2015. Without the use of Regulation A19, the Police Force would have been significantly over-establishment during 2011/12 and beyond. The use of A19 has created opportunities for remaining officers as it has allowed promotion procedures to be run for Chief Superintendents, Superintendents and Chief Inspectors.
- 2.4 Greater confidence in savings proposals, which are based on fewer officer post reductions needed to help achieve these means that the Force expects to reach a balanced establishment earlier than originally predicted.
- 2.5 As a result of the review, the Authority agreed to cease the use of Regulation A19 with effect from the end of September.

3. Financial Outturn Report for the Period Ended 31 March 2012

- 3.1 The financial headlines for 2011-12 were reported to the Police Authority and members noted that there had been a net revenue spend of £254m and an underspend of £8.4m (3.2%). There had also been a total capital spend of £5.9m and a capital underspend of £1m (14.9%). The reported outturn was still subject to audit.

4. Transition Arrangements

- 4.1 The Authority was updated on progress of the Police and Crime Commissioner Transition Programme. The Authority is well placed for a successful transition to the

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PCC in November 2012 and the transition website www.sussexpcc.co.uk has been very successful. A public engagement exercise has been scheduled for the coming months to ensure that local residents are informed educated and involved in the democratic process.

STEVE WAIGHT
Chairman

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