

CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Cumbria Police Authority held on Thursday 13 April 2006 in Conference Room 1, Police Headquarters, Carleton Hall, Penrith commencing at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Mr R Watson (Chairman)

Mr M Ash
Mr R S Cole
Ms S E Donnelly
Mrs C A Egan
Mrs M Johnson

Ms J Lashmar
Mr J Nicholson
Mr W Smith
Mr J Woolley

Also present:

Clerk & Chief Executive (Mr C. R. Alcock)
Treasurer (Mr D. Thomas)
Acting Chief Constable (Mrs C. Twigg)
Assistant Chief Constable (Mr N. Rhodes)
Constabulary Director of Finance & Resources (Mr M. Thompson)
Constabulary Estates Manager (Mr P Robinson)
Deputy Clerk (Mr S. Edwards)

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A L Barry, Mrs P M Halfpenny, Mr J Mallinson, Mrs L L Shaw and Mrs L Slavin.

196. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda for which the press and public were to be excluded.

197. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Mr R Watson declared a personal, but not prejudicial, interest in agenda item no.4, "Custody Facilities, Carlisle", as a Member of Carlisle City Council.

Mrs C A Egan declared a personal, but not prejudicial, interest in agenda item no. 4, "Custody Facilities, Carlisle", as a Magistrate in Carlisle and as her husband was an officer of Carlisle City Council.

198. CUSTODY FACILITIES, CARLISLE

The Assistant Chief Constable presented a paper submitted by the Acting Chief Constable and Treasurer which sought Member approval to the first of a two phase process to redevelop BCU facilities in North Cumbria following the damage sustained in the storms in January 2005. The first phase would see the development of new Custody Facilities which would enable the replacement of the emergency arrangements that had been in place for over a year. The report contained a timetable for the development of those facilities which were planned to be operational before the end of 2006.

The second phase of the development would, subject to an appropriate level of financial grant and agreement of funding, see the construction of a new BCU Headquarters on the same site and the custody facilities had been designed in such a way as to facilitate that development.

The Treasurer then informed Members of the financial aspects of the proposal. Full details of both the capital expenditure required to construct the facilities and future revenue costs associated with the Custody Facility were included within the report.

Members indicated their support for the proposals contained within the report as explained by the Officers. They asked various questions regarding funding and capacity of the proposed developments to which the Officers responded as appropriate.

The Acting Chief Constable advised Members that the Heads of Terms for the site on which the facility was to be constructed would be signed early in the following week at the latest. The Assistant Chief Constable advised Members that he and the Constabulary's Director of Finance and Resources would be meeting the Home Office shortly to discuss proposals for phase two of the development.

RESOLVED,

that

- (1) Phase One of the capital scheme to redevelop the BCU Headquarters for North Cumbria on the site at Durranhill in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, be approved;
- (2) the future plans to take forward Phase Two of the scheme to provide a BCU Headquarters in Carlisle as set out in paragraph 6 of the report by the Acting Chief Constable and Treasurer, be noted;
- (3) the application of previously unapplied capital grants amounting to £1.772 million, together with £2.8m ad hoc capital grant awarded by the Home Office towards this scheme, as set out in the report by the Acting Chief Constable and Treasurer, be approved; and
- (4) the impact on the revenue budget and the pressure this will create on future budgets of the amalgamated Authority be noted.

There were no Part 2 items.

The meeting ended at 2.20 p.m.