

Cumbria Police Authority
22 March 2006
Agenda Item No.15

Report by the Clerk and Chief Executive

POLICE AUTHORITY ISSUES

(a). Police Authority Member Vacancies

Members are reminded that there is currently a vacancy on the Authority for an Independent Member. In addition, from 1 April, there will be a vacancy for a Magistrate Member. On 27 February the Personnel Committee received a report on the processes for filling these vacancies (Minute No.50 refers). After due consideration the Committee decided that given the Authority's decision on 24 February to merge with Lancashire Police Authority it was no longer appropriate to proceed with the appointment processes. All applicants for the Magistrate Member vacancy and anyone who has expressed an interest in the Independent Member vacancy have been advised accordingly. The Home Office has also been notified of the Committee's decision.

Recommended: that the position be noted.

(b). Magistrate Vacancy

As reported above there will be a vacancy for a Magistrate Member with effect from 1 April 2006. The vacancy arises on the completion of a four year term of office by Mr Moth, who has already indicated his decision not to re-apply for membership of the Authority. In the light of the Authority's decision to volunteer for merger with Lancashire the Personnel Committee has decided not to proceed with the process to fill the resulting vacancy.

The Authority is asked to consider filling the vacancies arising on committees, working groups and outside bodies as a result of the decision not to fill the vacancy. The bodies in question are –

Policing Plan and Best Value Committee*
Professional Standards Committee*
Consultation Working Group
Eden Police Community Liaison Forum (Vice Chair)
Best Value Board*
Citizen Focused Policing Project Board
Best Value Lead Member
Customer Focused Policing Lead Member
APA Professional Standards Member Liaison Network
APA Neighbourhood Policing Policy Group
Link Member, North Cumbria BCU

- Mr Moth is currently the Chair of both the Policing Plan and Best Value Committee and the Professional Standards Committee. Both of these appointments will fall to be made by the Committees at their first meeting after 1 April. Mr Moth is also the Joint Chair of the Best Value Board.

Recommended; That consideration be given to filling the above vacancies.

(c). Police Authority Diary of Meetings 2006/07

The Authority needs to agree its Diary of Meetings for 2006/07. At the present time it is suggested that the Diary be agreed to July 2007, though if the proposed amalgamation with Lancashire proceeds as anticipated there will be no need to agree dates beyond 31 March 2007. The following dates are suggested for meetings of the full Police Authority:

Monday 25 September 2006
Wednesday 15 November 2006
Wednesday 20 December 2006
Wednesday 17 January 2007
Wednesday 14 February 2007
Wednesday 21 March 2007
Wednesday 27 June 2007

All of the above meetings to start at 1.00pm. A seminar will be held on the morning of each meeting.

It is hoped to circulate a draft set of dates for Committees and Working Groups for consideration at the meeting.

Recommended: That the dates for Police Authority meetings in 2006/07 be agreed.

(d). Rickergate Area Regeneration – Memorandum of Understanding

Carlisle City Council have circulated a draft Memorandum of Understanding for signature by the partner agencies responsible for properties within the area of the proposed Carlisle Regeneration project. A copy is attached as Appendix A to this report. It is not a legally binding document and is intended only to agree an accord to work together in good faith and in a spirit of trust and co-operation with the aim of securing the regeneration of the Rickergate area.

The Authority is asked to consider authorizing the Clerk/Chief Executive to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Recommended: That the Clerk/Chief Executive be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Authority.

C R Alcock
Clerk and Chief Executive.

14 March 2006.

Race and Diversity Implications: None known.

Human Rights Act Implications: None known.

Background documents: Memorandum to the Clerk/Chief Executive dated
2 March 2006.