

**Cumbria Police Authority
26 September 2005**

Agenda Item No.

Report by the Clerk & Chief Executive

POLICE AUTHORITY ISSUES

1. Membership of Committees

The Authority is asked to approve the appointment of Ms J Manners-Armstrong as a member of the Policing Plan and Best Value Committee, in place of Ms J Lashmar.

Recommended: That Ms J Manners-Armstrong be appointed to the Policing Plan and Best Value Committee in place of Ms J Lashmar.

2. Cumbria Pensions Forum

The Cumbria Pensions Forum is the body that oversees the Cumbria Pension Fund, of which the Police Authority is a member. The Forum meets annually, with special meetings as necessary. The Police Authority is entitled to make a nomination for one of the two places allocated on the Forum for Employer Representatives of Statutory Bodies. If more than two nominations are received the Cumbria Pensions Committee will select the two representatives from amongst the nominations received.

The Constabulary Branch of UNISON currently has one of the two places allocated to Employee Representatives of Statutory Bodies.

The Authority is asked to consider whether it wishes to nominate a Member to serve on the Cumbria Pensions Forum.

Recommended: That the Authority considers whether it wishes to nominate a Member to serve on the Cumbria Pensions Forum.

Background documents: Letter from Cumbria County Council dated 25 August 2005.

3. APA Conference 2005

Authority representation at the APA Conference was considered at the Authority's June meeting. Unfortunately other possible commitments for one of the Members concerned have resulted in revised attendance arrangements as follows:-

- Mrs Johnson
- Mrs Shaw
- Mr Watson

The Chief Constable will also be attending the Conference.

Recommended: That the amended representation at the APA Conference, as set out above, be agreed.

4. Standards Committee – Independent Member

There are two statutory independent members on the Police Authority's Standards Committee. Their terms of office are respectively due to end in November 2005 (Mr Fryer) and November 2006 (Mr Tonkin).

The role of the Committee is still developing, particularly with regard to the specific role of the statutory independent members, and continuity of membership is important at the present time to facilitate that development and retain the benefit of the learning and experience they have accumulated to date.

It is therefore suggested that the terms of office of the two existing statutory independent members be extended for a further two years.

Recommended: That the terms of office of the two statutory independent members of the Standards Committee be extended as follows

- Mr Fryer – November 2007
- Mr Tonkin – November 2008

5. Link Members – Operational Support Unit

The Authority currently has in place a 'Link Members Scheme' that operates on a geographical basis with the three Basic Command Units. However, no such scheme exists with regard to the Operational Support Unit which provides services on a County-wide basis.

Members may consider that it would be beneficial to develop such a scheme and, if they do, it is suggested that the Clerk & Chief Executive be authorised to

discuss the matter with the Chief Constable with a view to reporting back to the next quarterly meeting of the Authority about arrangements.

Recommended: That the Clerk & Chief Executive discuss this matter with the Chief Constable and report back to the December meeting of the Authority.

6. Conferences

The Authority is asked to consider whether it would be appropriate to send representatives to the following conferences –

Achieving PSA1: The Challenges for Crime and Disorder Partnerships

The Home Office has recently introduced the Home Office Public Service Agreements (PSAs) for the period 2005 to 2007/08 in order to drive the implementation of their crime and disorder agenda. The performance of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) is crucial to achieving these targets, especially PSA1 – the reduction of crime by 15%.

This Home Office conference, on Wednesday 9th November 2005, focuses on the local partnership role in meeting PSA1 targets. It will hear the Home Office expectations of partnerships and look at good practice in tackling key crime areas. It will also examine PAS1 in the context of Local Area Agreements and Local Strategic Partnerships.

The conference is to be held at Local Government House in London and the delegate rate is £245.

Recommended: That the Authority considers whether it wishes to be represented at the above conference.

Background papers: Conference details provided by the Home Office.

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Clerk & Chief Executive

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Race and Diversity Implications: None known.

Human Rights Act Implications: None known.