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**POLICE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE SECRETARIAT ON 23 JULY 2014**

These minutes are draft minutes until confirmed by resolution at the next meeting of this Committee

Present: His Excellency the Governor, Chair
Keith Padgett, Chief Executive
Peter Judge MBE, Attorney General
Len McGill, Chief Police Officer
MLA Dr Barry Elsby
MLA Gavin Short
Anton Livermore JP

In Attendance: Una Wallace, Secretary to the Committee

Part I	Action
1. Apologies for Absence	
1.1 Apologies for absence were received from MLA Mike Summers OBE and Mrs Ruth Taylor JP.	
1.2 The Governor expressed his regret that Mrs Taylor had suffered a fall and was unable to make the meeting, particularly as this would have been her last meeting as a Justice of the Peace. He wished to officially record his thanks for the contribution Mrs Taylor had made during her time on the Committee.	
2. Declaration of Interest	
2.1 There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 16 April 2014	
3.1 The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.	
4. Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 April 2014	
4.1 <u>Noise Nuisance</u> (4.1) – The Attorney General advised that a meeting of the Group who had previously advised on noise nuisance would be held on 24 July and he would report back to the next meeting of the Police Committee.	AG
4.2 <u>Liquor Licensing</u> (4.2) – The Attorney General confirmed that a review of liquor licensing legislation had been included on the list of legislative priorities.	AG

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- 4.3 Board of Prison Visitors Report Recommendations (10.4) – The Chief Police Officer and Attorney General advised that they were working together to ensure that an appropriate level of accountability for the Board of Prison Visitors remained under the new Prison Ordinance. A meeting had been arranged for later in July and progress would be reported to the next meeting of the Police Committee. AG/
CPO
5. **Report of the Chief Police Officer – Report Covering Quarter 4 of 2013/14**
- 5.1 The Chief Police Officer introduced his report which covered the period 1 April to 30 June 2014.
- 5.2 In response to a question from MLA Short, the Chief Police Officer explained that acquisitive crime related to burglary-type offences, ie one of acquiring. The reduction of such crimes was included in the objectives for the RFIP.
- 5.3 Mr Livermore noted that comments were often made by the Justices and public as to the length of time it took for cases to be brought before the Court. The Attorney General confirmed that data was collected within his Chamber’s on the time taken from the point of referral by the RFIP to disposal or a Court hearing. The Committee agreed that the submission of such data would be beneficial. AG/
CPO
- 5.4 MLA Elsby raised the on-going problem of false 999 calls. The Chief Police Officer confirmed that these were not malicious calls but a problem experienced by emergency services world-wide of unlocked mobile telephones self-dialling. The Committee noted that an awareness campaign had recently been undertaken by the RFIP to alert the public to the problem.
- 5.5 The Chief Police Officer confirmed that cover for staff attending overseas training courses would be met from within existing resources.
- 5.6 HE the Governor thanked the Chief Police Officer for his report.
6. **Confirmation of Date of Next Meeting**
- 6.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Police Committee would be held at 1400 on Wednesday 22 October 2014 in the Liberation Room.
7. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
- 7.1 The Committee resolved to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the next items of business to be considered were exempt within the terms of paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012 relating to enforcement activities, etc.

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Part II

8. Confirmation of Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 April 2014

8.1 The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a correct record.

9. Matters Arising

9.1 Proposed Organisational Structure of the RFIP (9.1) – The Chief Police Officer advised that a restructure of the RFIP had been approved by Executive Council which had included the creation of a Prison Service. Recruitment was about to commence for a Prison Manager and three Prison Officers.

9.2 Board of Prison Visitors Report Recommendations (10)

9.2.1 In response to a question from HE the Governor, it was confirmed that the Board of Prison Visitors comprised of:

Senior Magistrate
Lidda Luxton JP
Leif Pollard JP
Terry Spruce JP

9.2.2 The Chief Police Officer confirmed to MLA Elsby that the rehabilitation of prisoners was progressing. The current Probation Officer was building upon the good work previously put in place by her predecessor. The provision of education was slightly more problematic but it was hoped that once the revised prison staffing structure was in place more focus could be placed upon the educational needs of prisoners.

9.2.3 The Chief Police Officer commented that the main difficulties faced within the prison remained the provision of sufficient space and staff.

24 July 2014