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POLICE COMMITTEE **HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON 20 APRIL 2016** *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
Superintendent Len McGill, Chief Police Officer
David Brown, Head of Legal Services/Acting Attorney General
MLA Dr Barry Elsby
MLA Phyl Rendell MBE
Anton Livermore JP
- Apologies:** Peter Judge, Attorney General
MLA M V Summers OBE
Derek Clarke JP
- In Attendance:** Una Wallace, Secretary to the Committee

- | Part I | Action |
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| 1. Apologies for Absence | |
| 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Attorney General, MLA Summers and Mr Clarke JP. | |
| 2. Declaration of Interest | |
| 2.1 There were no declarations of interest. | |
| 3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 21 October 2015 | |
| 3.1 The minutes were confirmed as a correct record. | |
| 4. Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October 2015 | |
| 4.1 There were no matters arising. | |
| 5. Report of the Chief Police Officer – Reports Covering Quarters 2 and 3 of 2015/16 | |
| 5.1 The Committee agreed to the suggestion from HE the Governor that agenda items 5 and 6 covering the reports of the Chief Police Officer for the period 1 October to 31 March, be considered together. | |

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- 5.2 The Chief Policer Officer drew the attention of the Committee to the report that the RFIP had deployed CAPTOR spray for the first time whilst undertaking an arrest thereby alleviating a potentially dangerous situation.
- 5.3 In response to a question from HE the Governor, the Chief Police Officer explained that he was not unduly concerned that Service Level Objective 6 had shown a RAG Status of Red during the second quarter report as this had converted to Amber during the third quarter and the number of crimes involved was low. MLA Rendell commented that it was important to look at trends over several years.
- 5.4 The Chief Police Officer confirmed that he did not consider acquisitive crimes were on the increase. There had been several recent burglaries which had been committed by one person with whom the Court had now taken appropriate steps. With regard to violent crimes, the Chief Police Officer explained that increased confidence from the public had led to an increase in the reporting of such crimes. Crimes were also being followed up where it was felt it was in the public interest to continue even when witnesses had expressed a wish to discontinue with their complaint. The recent deployment of body cameras by the RFIP would also assist with securing prosecutions.
- 5.5 The Chief Police Officer expressed the appreciation of the RFIP for the provision of training and development for officers.
- 5.6 HE the Governor expressed the thanks of the Committee to the Royal Falkland Islands Police and the Chief Police Officer on their achievements over the two quarters covered by the reports.

6. **Report of the Chief Police Officer – Report Covering Quarter 3 of 2015/16**

- 6.1 This item was considered under item 5 above.

7. **Proposed Annual Objectives for the Royal Falkland Islands Police**

- 7.1 The Chief Police Officer introduced his report and explained that no change in Service Level Objectives was proposed.
- 7.2 Turning to the Departmental Objective 3, MLA Rendell asked if the Training Plan corresponded with the Departmental Business Plan and expressed her concern that the training being requested was unaffordable. The Chief Police Officer explained that the RFIP maintained close contacts with the Avon & Somerset Force and the Authorised Firearms Officers course had been reduced to the lowest possible requirement to meet human rights considerations thereby reducing the funding requirement. As facilities did not exist for the bespoke training to be delivered locally

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officers were required to travel overseas. He assured the Committee that he continued to strive to produce the best value for money where training was concerned.

7.3 With regards to Departmental Objective 4, Mr Livermore asked if the new radio system would provide Island-wide coverage. The Chief Police Officer explained that the new system would provide improved coverage from that available previously and could link into the mobile telephone modules.

7.4 The Committee agreed that the report should proceed to Executive Council.

8. **Confirmation of Date of Next Meeting**

8.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Police Committee would be held at 1400 on Wednesday 20 July 2016 in the Liberation Room.

9. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

9.1 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 15 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012 relating to draft Executive Council papers and information about them.

PART II

10. **Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October 2015**

(Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 15 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to draft Executive Council papers and information about them)

10.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2015 were approved.

11. **Matters Arising from the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October 2015**

11.1 There were no matters arising.

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