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27 May 2015

MOD POLICE COMMITTEE
TUES 12 MAY 2015
VENUE: LEVEL 4 SPINE 2 MEETING ROOM 13

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

[approved on 1 Sep 15]

Present:

Members

David Riddle
Sir Hugh Orde
Len Jackson
Anne McMeel
Mark Preston
Heather Tayler

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Director Business Services
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David King
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Agenda Item 15: Any other business

53. No matters were raised.

Agenda Item 16: Date of the next meeting

54. Police Committee: Tues 1 Sep (papers due by cop 20 Aug 15)

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50. Sir Hugh Orde questioned why MDP only performed drug testing on officers ranks Insp and below. Mr Allard explained the MDP priority to date was on officers performing an operational role.

51. The Chair noted the Employment Tribunals summary which was now included in the PSD report. He had a number of questions that he would deal with offline. **Action: Chair**

52. The Committee discussed the recent amendments to the Police Conduct Regulations 2012 which will result in holding misconduct hearings in public (subject to listed exemptions which include matters concerning national security), and will introduce Legally Qualified Chairs wef Jan 16. Although the Committee and the force's joint response to the Home Office Consultation did not necessarily support these proposals, the Chair directed that it was proper that MDP complied with government policy for police ethics and standards. CCMDP indicated that he agreed. The Committee and CCMDP were in complete agreement that hearings should continue to be in private if there was any risk that a public hearing could compromise national security. It was agreed therefore that the MDP Conduct etc Regulations (SI 2015-25) be amended through the appropriate legislative channels to reflect the Police Conduct Regs as far as practicable. DBR would lead with support from PSD. **Action: Sec**

Agenda Item 15: Any other business

53. No matters were raised.

Agenda Item 16: Date of the next meeting

54. Police Committee: Tues 1 Sep (papers due by cop 20 Aug 15)

55. Sub Committee Performance and Risk Management: Tues 30 June
(papers due by cop 18 Jun)

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