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Joint Central Committee Operational Duties Standing Committee

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Tuesday 28 May 2013

1. Attendance

North Area Committee Graeme Ednie (by Lync)

North Area Committee David Hamilton
West Area Committee Andrea MacDonald
West Area Committee Malcolm MacDonald

West Area Committee Donald Walker

Chairman Brian Docherty
Deputy General Secretary Robert Milligan
Vice Chairman David Ross
Business Manager Doug Keil

Business Administrator Lesley Stevenson

Apologies were received from the East Area Committee who could not attend the meeting due to the sudden death of Ian Muir, and the General Secretary.

A minute silence was held for Ian and condolences were sent to his family.

2. Opening of Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and by thanking them for attending.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

As this was the first meeting of the new Operational Duties Standing Committee there was no minute of the previous meeting.

4. Accelerated Careers Development Programme

There was no update.

The Chairman informed the Committee that following a discussion with Wendy Allitson the SPF would attend the above with observer status.

5. Police Diploma

The Deputy General Secretary said that Karen Gardener had begun work on restructuring modules. He would circulate them when received.

6. Special Constabulary

The Committee discussed the payment made to special constables and the coverage in the media about plans to reduce it. It also discussed a proposal to use special constables and police cadets as "guides" during the Commonwealth Games.

7. CBRN

David Hamilton told the Committee that the Initial Operational Responders Programme consultation would be out shortly and that he would circulate it when received.

8. Mutual Aid - Northern Ireland

The Chairman and Deputy General Secretary had attended various meetings to discuss arrangements for this event. The Chairman said that operational briefings were to begin this week and that contact email and telephone numbers would be going out to members concerned in the very near future. The Deputy General Secretary said that he had advanced the view that the PNB Held In Reserve arrangements should apply. He had met ACC Finlay from Northern Ireland and had discussed this and the provision of an extra payment but this had not yet been translated into any draft that he had seen. He said that an entitlements paper would be issued shortly.

9. Consideration of JCC Consultation

The Committee discussed the consultation process and was informed that this item was put on the Standing Committee agendas to give members the opportunity to consider relevant matters in some depth where necessary.

Malcolm MacDonald told the Committee that the West Area Committee aimed to have meetings prior to final consultation response dates to discuss consultations.

10. Competent Business

The Vice Chairman raised the matter of Probationer Training and said that a Working Group would be set up to deal with this matter. Chief Inspector Stuart Ord had advised that there would be an intake of 148 probationers in September and another similar number some weeks later.

David Hamilton raised the issue of Post Incident Procedures and asked where it sits on the SPF agendas. He thought PIP should be extended beyond current usage and the Chairman said he would look into this.

Malcolm MacDonald asked whether the national workforce agreement on shift patterns had been signed off. The Chairman said that it had not. Malcolm and Andrea

MacDonald would be attending a meeting with Chief Superintendent Andy Bates regarding this matter.

11. Closure

Date of next meeting: 21 August 2013

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and wished them a safe journey home.