

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUPS

INTRODUCTION

1. This report seeks to inform Members of the current situation regarding the proposal to transfer the administration of the Force Independent Advisory Group (FIAG) from Humberside Police to Humberside Police Authority.

BACKGROUND

2. At the Consultation & Partnership Committee meeting on 6 December 2005 Members considered a report which proposed the transfer of the administration of the FIAG by the Police Authority. Members also considered representations made by the Members of the FIAG in writing to the effect that they had not been adequately consulted on this issue. As a result of that representation Members resolved that the matter be deferred and that the Community and Race Relations officer be requested to enter into a meaningful dialogue with the FIAG and that the Police Authority be involved in these discussions.
3. Those discussions have now taken place.
4. Further to those discussions representatives of the FIAG considered the issue and have notified the Authority that they voted 11 to 1 in favour of the Police Authority taking responsibility for the administration of the Group. A copy of the correspondence from the FIAG is at appendix A.
5. In order that Members may take an informed view in this matter the three previous reports submitted to the Consultation & Partnership Committee on this subject are appended at B, C and D.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that:
 - i. Members discuss the contents of this report, the previous reports and take into account the views of the FIAG;
 - ii. Members agree to transfer the administration of the FIAG;
 - iii. The Chief Constable agrees to support the FIAG by representation on it at Chief Officer level;

- iv. The Chief Constable will agree to the transfer of any funding within the Force for the FIAG to the Police Authority in respect of its administration;
- v. A review be undertaken of the effectiveness of the administration of the FIAG with a view to making it truly independent in twelve months.

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Background Documents: