

Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority

Date: 24 August 2023

Venue: By Zoom

Authority Meeting in Private

Attendance

Authority: Bob Collins (Chairperson), Deborah Donnelly, Donal de Buitléir, Anthony Harbinson, Jane Mulcahy.

Staff of the Authority: Aoife Clabby (Secretary)

Apologies: Moling Ryan, Paul Mageean, Valerie Judge, Elaine Byrne

1. Meeting of Members in Private

The Authority did not exercise its option to have a meeting in private.

2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

The meeting agenda was approved as drafted. No conflicts of interest were declared by the Members in relation to any of the items for consideration.

3. Appointments

Members considered a request received from the Commissioner, seeking approval for a temporary acting position for the role of Chief Corporate Officer (CCO) in the Garda Síochána. In considering the request, Members had regard to a number of factors including the forthcoming advertisement of the substantive position by the Public Appointments Service; the upcoming retirement of the Deputy Commissioner; and the breadth of the role of the CCO, including the delivery of the changes to the Garda organisation arising from the introduction of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill.

Following discussion, the Authority approved the request to appoint an acting Chief Corporate Officer for a period of six months, or until the appointment of a successful candidate in the substantive competition. The Authority further authorised the Secretary to seek the consent of the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to the approval, by the Authority, of this temporary acting position.

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4. Update on Deputy Commissioner competition

Members were provided with a verbal update in relation to plans to undertake a selection competition for appointment to the rank of Deputy Commissioner in the Garda Síochána. Members were provided with an early draft of the competition booklet for information and noted that preliminary feedback had been received from the Garda Síochána on the proposed roles, responsibilities and person specification. Members were advised that a further iteration of the draft booklet would be provided for Members' formal consideration, having regard to the Authority's statutory responsibilities in relation to the appointment of a Deputy Commissioner.

5. Any Other Business

Members were advised that a demonstration and briefing on body worn cameras was scheduled to take place in Store Street Garda Station, Dublin1 on 4 September and that Members were welcome to attend.