



Scottish Police Federation
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**Joint Central Committee
Legislation and Regulation Standing Committee**

Ref: CS/DJK/LS

MINUTES

3 August 2016

1. Attendance and Opening of Meeting

David Hamilton	North Area Committee
Steve Thomson	North Area Committee
Brian Jones	East Area Committee
Grant McDowall	East Area Committee
Martin Bertram	West Area Committee
Malcolm Macdonald	West Area Committee

Brian Docherty	Chairman
Calum Steele	General Secretary
Andrea MacDonald	Vice Chairman
David Kennedy	Deputy General Secretary

Jim Foy	Conduct Secretary
Peter Jones	H&S Secretary

Lesley Stevenson	Business Administrator
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Apologies were received from Jackie Muller, Equality Secretary.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and by thanking them for attending. He gave a special welcome to Steve Thomson, Martin Bertram and Andrea MacDonald and to their first meeting in their new roles. He also gave thanks to Graeme Ednie and Graham Sloan for the work they carried out whilst on the Committee.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the last meeting had been circulated with JCC Circular 20 of 2015 and was approved.

3. Scottish Police Authority Governance Review

A copy of the Review had been circulated with the papers. The General Secretary advised that this was now Scottish Government policy. The Committee discussed this issue and agreed that the General Secretary would draft a response and circulate it to the JCC.

4. HMICS CCU Assurance Review

A copy of the Review had been circulated with the papers. It was noted that the SPA was putting together a working group to look at the Review and the Chairman had received a letter from John Foley, CEO of SPA inviting the SPF to sit on the group. He intended to attend the meeting and would give a full update to the JCC.

5. Competent Business

The Vice Chair told the Committee that she intended to slightly amend the procedure for consultations on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in the future. She asked that a composite response to the consultations was sent from the Chair/Secretary of each area. This was noted by the Committee. She also said that there would be a new JCC Agenda item for SOPs which would give a lot more detail.

David Hamilton questioned if the motion which had been submitted to the JCC on the change from Subject Secretaries to Assistants to the General Secretary was to be discussed at the Standing Committee. He said he thought this was important because of what the Rules and Standing Orders said about the submission of motions to the JCC. After discussion it was agreed by the Committee that David and Malcolm would propose and second the motion at the JCC.

The General Secretary said that he had changed the way he handled consultation responses recently in that he had circulated a draft response to the JCC for comments. The Committee discussed the approach and agreed to the new approach.

6. Closure

Date of next meeting: 12 October 2016

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