

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE AND GUARDING AGENCY**

**AGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

MDPGA/AMB/M/2/06

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14 Mar 06

**MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BUILDING 1070, MDPGA WETHERSFIELD AT 1300 HRS ON 13 FEB 06**

Present:	CC S Love DCC D Ray QPM Mr S W Beedle ACC J Bligh QPM Mr S MacCormick ACC R Chidley  Supt M Foulger  Det/Ch Supt G Nicholls Ch Supt R Hoblin Ms Kirsty Denwood Mr P Nealon Mr S Farthing Miss A Francis	Chief Executive (CE) - Chair Chief of Staff (COS) Director Resources and Planning (DRP) Director Operational Support (DOS) Director Regional Operations (DRO) Director Personnel and Professional Development (DPD) Representing Director Divisional Operations (DDO) Head of CID Head of Business Development Hd Finance Head of Corporate Communications Head of IT and Telecommunications AMB Secretary
In Attendance	Mr C Caldwell Mr S Fussey Supt B Disher Mr C Lansbury	NW IPT – For Item 1 AWE plc – For Item 1 Deputy Head of Business Development Agency Records Manager – For Item 4
Apologies	Ms K de Bourcier Mr F J Connolly	Head of Personnel Services AMB Secretary

Item (a)	Discussion and Decision (b)	Action (c)
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1 NW IPT Presentation	<p>1. Mr Colin Caldwell, NW IPT Compliance Group Leader and Mr Steve Fussey, AWE plc briefed the Board on nuclear weapon capability.</p> <p>2. The Board were informed that the AWE sites were undergoing substantial development and all planning applications will be subject to the full rigours of the planning act therefore a strategy will be implemented to</p>	
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	<p>work with the local council and public. The Board were also informed that there would be a substantial increase in staff and organisational changes would take place throughout the AWE plc and NW IPT organisations.</p> <p>3. The Board were informed of the specific MDP programme of works currently being discussed such as the increase in Escort Group, replacement of buildings, feasibility study for replacement of dog kennels at Aldermaston and planning permission for replacement of kennels at Burghfield.</p> <p>4. The Board highlighted the issue of housing for officers working at AWE and asked about the possibility of land being set aside. The Board were informed that this had been considered but due to licensing issues surrounding explosives it was not feasible.</p> <p>5. COS stated that in order for officers to carry out effective tactical training they need access to restrictive parts of the site. AWE agreed to look at this issue.</p>	
<p>2 Confirmation of Any Other Business</p>	<p>1. See item 12.</p>	
<p>3 Minutes for the meeting on 30 Jan 06 MDPGA/AMB/M/1/06 Dated 31 Jan 06</p> <p>Actions Arising MDPGA/AMB/AD/2/06 Dated 7 Feb 06</p>	<p>1. The minutes were agreed with no redaction for publication on the internet under the MOD Publication Scheme.</p> <p>2. Actions arising:</p> <p>a. The action/decision sheet was updated with the majority of actions on track or achieved.</p> <p>b. Training and Policy Strategy – a paper was currently being circulated at ½ star level that would amplify the cost associated with probationer training.</p>	<p><b>AMB Sec</b></p> <p><b>DRP</b></p>
<p>4 MoPI Presentation</p>	<p>1. Supt Beth Disher and Mr Chris Lansbury provided the Board with an update on the progress of Management of Police Information (MOPi).</p> <p>2. The Board were informed that the MOPi project is in response to the Bichard Inquiry, specifically recommendations 8 -11, and that the project is inextricably linked to a number of other programmes such as IMPACT, VISOR, SID, C&amp;C and Holmes II.</p>	

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	<p>3. The project is currently at the scoping stage. The manual of guidance and threshold standard are being written and should be available to the Agency at the end of Mar 06. A PID will be drafted and the project will then be visible through the Programme Review Board.</p> <p>4. Hd Fin stated that the costs of the project could be included in the current STP bidding process and although specific costs have not yet been finalised it may be possible to use broad costs for the project.</p>	<p><b>DRP</b></p>
<p>5 Review of Board Effectiveness MDPGA/AMB/P/01/06 Dated 10 Jan 06</p>	<p>1. CE requested that the paper be withdrawn and brought back to the AMB with the CE's paper on his AMB Stock-take.</p>	<p><b>CE</b></p>
<p>6 Intranet Project Phase 2 MDPGA/AMB/P/11/06 Dated 7 Feb 06</p>	<p>1. Head of Corp Comms stated that Phase 2 of the project focused on content and style of the intranet.</p> <p>2. CE stated that the navigation structure must be right at the start as it is difficult to reinvent at a later date and requested that when it has been designed it should come back to the Board.</p> <p>3. The Board endorsed the Intranet Publishing and Governance Policy and approved the direction of the project but requested further information in relation to the direct costs of staff commitments referred to in the paper be sought. A working group is to be convened and will be overseen by DRP. The working group should report back to the Board on the proposed navigation and difference in estimated staff costs to operate the intranet in the future.</p>	<p><b>Hd Corp Comms</b></p> <p><b>Hd Corp Comms</b></p>
<p>7 Revisions to MDP Advertised Posts Process MDPGA/AMB/P/9/06 Dated 6 Feb 06</p>	<p>1. DPD stated that the main changes to the advertised post process were that posts at Chief Inspector level and below will be filled through advertising and posts at Superintending rank through managed moves.</p> <p>2. COS expressed concern about the greater emphasis placed on line managers, however the process will need to be run in order to establish costs involved.</p> <p>3. The Board approved the project; the next stage would be consultation with DPF.</p>	<p><b>DPD</b></p>

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<p>8 Taser Procurement MDPGA/AMB/P/10/06 Dated 6 Feb</p>	<p>1. DOS introduced the paper on Taser and asked the Board to approve funding to facilitate purchase and trial of the Taser as a less lethal option.</p> <p>2. The Board decided not to approve the funding to purchase Taser at this time. Trials had been conducted by the Home Office and it was queried why additional testing at cost is required by the MOD.</p> <p>3. CE stated that he would include in his Operational Report to the Police Committee that they will negotiate the evaluation with DOSG for indicative fee of £100K. CE also requested a dummy Taser to take to Police Committee on 2 Mar 06.</p>	<p><b>CE</b> <b>DOS</b></p>
<p>9 NIM Priorities MDPGA/AMB/P/13/06 Dated 7 Feb 06</p>	<p>1. DOS stated that the paper was to provide the Board with an update prior to the Police Committee of the NIM Priorities.</p> <p>2. The Board endorsed the 5 priorities and noted that a new Strategic Assessment will be brought to the Board in May 06. CE requested that the Agency Strategic Assessment include an update on offences against children and proposals on how the AMB should conduct itself in connection with NIM.</p>	<p><b>DOS</b></p>
<p>10 Agency Canine Resources MDPGA/AMB/P/12/06 Dated 7 Feb 06</p>	<p>1. DOS stated that a coordinated approach be developed for the procurement, training, welfare and deployment of all MDPGA dogs. He went on to explain that MDP dogs are leased to the CE and MGS dogs are leased to the Head of Establishment.</p> <p>2. CE stated that the procurement, training and housing of dogs is not within the Agency's remit and should remain with the MOD. Our attention should focus on specifying our needs clearly and the position evaluated when and if DAC fails to deliver.</p> <p>3. The recommendations within the paper were not agreed, but DOS welcomed any comments be given ex committee.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p>11 CTLB Issues for AP10</p>	<p>1. CE stated that the Agency was predicting an overspend of £2M but over the last 2 months this had increased significantly and the Agency was now forecasting an overspend of £3.5M. Hd Fin stated that</p>	

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	<p>the Agency must report to TLB any movements in forecast and it was agreed that the increase be reported.</p> <p>2. CTLB issues for AP10 would repeat those submitted for AP9.</p>	
<p>12 Any Other Business</p>	<p>1. <u>Superintending Bonuses</u>. DPD stated that the AMB had previously endorsed a change to the Special Bonus Scheme to include Superintending ranks but formal approval had been omitted from the minutes. CE requested that a short paper be resubmitted to the Board for formal approval.</p> <p>2. <u>MGS Recruitment Business Case</u>. To be taken outside the AMB.</p>	<p><b>DPD</b></p>
<p>13 Next Meeting</p>	<p>1. The next AMB will be on Mon 27 Feb 06 at 1300 hours in the Conference Room, Building 1070 to consider:</p> <p>a. DOS Portfolio Review b. Financial Performance Report AP10</p>	<p><b>DOS DRP</b></p>

A Francis  
AMB Secretary