

6: NOTICE OF MOTION: THAMES VALLEY POLICE AUTHORITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

Report of Cabinet - 22 January 2001

- 1 The Cabinet considered a report on the following Notice of Motion from Mr M J Greenburgh, which had been referred by the Council at its meeting on 23 November 2000.
- 2 **“This Council requests the Thames Valley Police Authority to ensure that all Members of Buckinghamshire County Council are informed of the date, time and venue for meetings of the Thames Valley Police Authority Consultative Committees and that the Members of Buckinghamshire County Council be given the right to speak on behalf of their constituents at those meetings”.**
- 3 The Notice of Motion referred to the Community/Police Consultative Groups within the ten police areas which were held in closed session following a review taken some two years ago. The County Council’s representative on the Police Authority, Mr C F Robinson OBE, was now the only elected member invited to these meetings, and served on the Chiltern Vale Consultative Committee.
- 4 It was noted that a separate layer of meetings, Sector Fora, were held at a level below the Consultative meetings. These were open to the public and other County Council members and provided an opportunity for local people to raise matters relating to their particular area.
- 5 Members did not feel that the Sector Fora Meetings were a satisfactory substitute for the Consultative Meetings, which dealt with more strategic issues. They also felt that joint working arrangements could be markedly enhanced if elected members had direct involvement by being invited to the Consultative Committees.
- 6 Having discussed the Notice of Motion, the Cabinet agreed to support it, emphasising the benefit to each Authority of partnership working.

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