

From: "philip peaston"
Subject: RE: 17/09/2008 Police Authority Meeting
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To: "Richard Taylor"

Thank you Mr Taylor

A special meeting was held by the Authority on 17 September.

Further to the Police Authority Regulations 2008 we held final interviews for the selection of Independent Members of the Authority that day with a Selection Panel convened for that purpose.

Regulation 9 states that appointments are made by the Authority, not by the Selection Panel who merely provide a shortlist of twice the number of vacancies. Those names could have been considered on 30 September but as we had arranged for the Authority to be quorate on 17 September, meeting immediately after the Selection Panel had concluded its work, it proceeded and made the appointments. This enabled us to make progress with the appointments which were effective from 1 October, with induction briefings taking place that day.

In either case, 17 or 30 September, this single item of business would have been exempt under Clauses 1 and 2 of Part 1 of The Local Government (Access to information)(Variation) Order 2006, making it inappropriate to hold the meeting in public and hence meaningless to advertise it or incur the costs in doing so.

The minutes are available on the website at <http://www.cambs-pa.gov.uk/meetingDetail.cfm?meetingID=291> and were put before the Authority on 30 September, agenda item 3.

I trust this answers your enquiry.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Taylor
Sent: 15 October 2008
To: Philip Peaston
Subject: 17/09/2008 Police Authority Meeting

Mr Peaston,

Could you please let me know if there was a meeting of the Police Authority on 17th September 2008?

If there was a meeting could you let me know what it was held to discuss, and why a special out of cycle meeting was required.

Was the meeting publicised?

Will the agenda, papers and minutes be made available online?

The existence of a 17th September meeting is suggested by the Agenda for the 30 September meeting.

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