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Title of Meeting: Professional Committee
Date: 13th June 2019
Time: 11:00 – 11:30
Venue: Tele-conference

Committee Members	Organisation
Janette McCormick (Chair)	Director of Policing Standards
Debi Potter (DP)	Unison
Jo Strong (JS)	Police Federation of England and Wales
Dave Bamber (DB)	Police Federation of England and Wales
Ian Miller (IM)	ASCO
Stephen Mold (SM)	Northants Police and Crime Commissioner
Helen Ball (HB)	Metropolitan Police
Martin Hewitt (MH)	National Police Chiefs' Council
Matt Jukes (MJ)	National Police Chiefs' Council
Staff members in attendance	
Richard Bennett (RB)	Faculty Lead - Uniformed Policing
Kevin Nicholson (KN)	Firearms Specialist Adviser
Jayshree Vekria (JV)	Portfolio & Programme Officer

The June Professional Committee meeting took place via a short tele-conference call to discuss the below item as the usual meeting was cancelled. This was necessary to meet the deadline of the code being laid in Parliament before the summer recess. Both minutes and actions from the February 19 meeting will be considered at the September 19 meeting.

Item 1: Update on Code of Practice on Armed Policing and Police Use of Less Lethal Weapons

- 1.1 The Committee was updated on the new draft Code, which is a high level document that sets out the roles of the College, HMICFRS and Chief Constables in relation to armed policing and use of less lethal weapons. It has been developed by the College working with the Home Office and key National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) portfolio leads and has been subject to a public consultation.
- 1.2. The Chair flagged that there had been a slight amendment to the recommendation, in which the College were now looking to undertake wider consultation with regional chiefs and staff associations, before the code is submitted to the Home Secretary for consideration for laying before Parliament as a Code of Practice.
- 1.3 Both HB and MJ felt that the wider narrative of the code needed to be considered and the wording strengthened, in relation to its impact on the use of force data in minority groups specifically for young people and for post incident procedures.
- 1.4 The Federation welcomed and supported the code and welcomed the opportunity to respond to the consultation. DB suggested that it was worth considering making the PAB discipline committee aware of the changes to the code. DB agreed with the points raised by HB and MJ and added that an expansion on the wording in this section would be valuable.
- 1.5 The Chair concluded that the College would discuss the points raised with the Home Office in relation to the context and the impact on vulnerable groups and how this is



reflected in the code. The chair also confirmed that further consultation would be taking place with regional chiefs and staff associations.

ACTION: Further consultation with regional chiefs and staff associations to be carried out before circulating the code of Practice on Armed Policing and Police Use of Less Lethal Weapons following amendments as suggested. **Richard Bennett**

DECISION: The Committee supported the draft code of Practice on Armed Policing and Police Use of Less Lethal Weapons progressing to Regional Chiefs and staff associations, before submission to the Home Secretary for consideration for laying before Parliament as a Code of Practice.

The Chair thanked those participating in the call for their comments and feedback. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.27.

Date of next meeting: 3rd September 2019

Name of Chair: Mike Cunningham

Professional Committee: Action Log					
ACTIONS: 13 th JUNE MEETING					
NO	ITEM	ACTION	LEAD		COMMENT
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