

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

27 NOVEMBER 2009

Agenda Item	
Report No	

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2010

Report by the Clerk

Summary

This Report recommends a schedule of meetings for 2010.

Background

1. As Members are aware, meetings of the Board are normally held in Inverness, in some cases on the same day and at the same location as meetings of the Highland and Islands Fire Board. The Board agreed at its meeting held on 10 September 2009 that its first meeting in 2010 would be held on the morning of Friday 29 January, in Inverness, to be followed by a meeting of the Fire Board.
2. Members will be aware that it has been the practice of the Board to hold one meeting per election cycle in each of the Islands Constituent Authorities (with 14 meetings in the typical four year cycle held in Inverness). During this cycle the Board has already met in Stornoway and Kirkwall.
3. Members are advised that a formal request has been received from Unison that the practice of Islands visits be suspended as a financial savings initiative. As Members are aware, however, as a Joint Board with responsibility across its whole area, the Board has always considered it important to have a visible presence in each of its constituent authorities at some point in each cycle. It is accordingly suggested that the Board may wish to visit Lerwick in 2010.
4. The schedules of meetings of all four Constituent Authorities must, of course, be taken into account when setting the Board's dates. Members will appreciate that this makes it very difficult to find dates that do not involve a clash for any Member.
5. Bearing all the above in mind, the following further dates are suggested for the year 2010:-

Tuesday 11 May (returning on 12 May)	Lerwick
Friday 27 August	Inverness
Friday 26 November	Inverness
6. In cases where both the Police and Fire Boards meet in Inverness, it has been customary for this Board to meet in the morning. This has at times caused difficulty for the Fire Board, whose Convener has requested that on some occasions the position be reversed. If the above recommendations are approved, both Boards will meet in Inverness on 26 November 2010. It is suggested that, on that date, this Board meet in the afternoon, to allow the Fire Board to meet in the morning.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to agree the recommended schedule of meetings for the year 2010 and that the Clerk make the necessary detailed arrangements, including, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener, any adjustments to the schedule that may prove necessary.

Signature

Designation Clerk

Date 4 November 2009

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