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# BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE AUTHORITY

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**MINUTES**  
**POLICE AUTHORITY**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2009, 10.20AM**  
**At**

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**THE SNOW ROOM, BMA HOUSE, TAVISTOCK SQUARE, LONDON**

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- Present:** Ms M Banerjee (Chairman)  
Sir David O'Dowd (Deputy Chairman)  
Mr L Adams  
Mr I Dobbs  
Mr C Foxall  
Mr J King  
Ms C Knights  
Suzanne May  
Mrs W Towers
- Apologies:** Mr R Culley  
Mr R Gisby  
Mr M Holden  
Mr R O'Toole  
Mr J Weimar
- In attendance:** Sir Ian Johnston, Chief Constable  
Mr A Trotter, Deputy Chief Constable  
Mr P Crowther, Assistant Chief Constable, Crime  
Mr A Pacey, Assistant Chief Constable, Operations  
Mr S Thomas, Assistant Chief Constable London & Olympics  
Mrs S Burd, Director of Finance and Corporate Services  
Ms L Scott, HR Director  
Mr P Zieminski, Chief Superintendent  
Ms M Daniels, Deputy Head of Strategic Development
- Mr S Bogira, Facilitator
- Mr R Hemmings, Chief Executive & Clerk  
Mr P Haddock, Deputy Chief Executive  
Mrs S Elvy, Research and Policy Manager  
Miss L Barrick, Business Support Manager & Minutes
- Observing:** Mr H Collins  
Mr N Scales
- External Contributors:** Mr M Ainsworth, DfT  
Mr M Hewitson, Passenger Focus  
Mr M Roberts, ATOC  
Mr H Bridges, ATOC  
Mr A Odell, ATOC

## PART I - AUTHORITY BUSINESS SECTION

### 36/2009 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Mr Culley, Mr Holden and Mr O'Toole. Mr Weimar also sent apologies as he was unwell. Mr Gisby sent his apologies as he was attending the Network Rail AGM.

### 37/2009 NEW PSA

The Authority was asked to authorise the SB&PM Committee to sign off the new PSA for use with the new Southern franchise, as the PSA needed to be approved for use before 20<sup>th</sup> September and the next Authority meeting was 24<sup>th</sup> September. This recommendation was approved.

### 38/2009 STANDING ORDERS

The Authority ratified the amendment to the standing orders which formally stated that Members may be considered present at meetings via telephone and video conferences.

### 39/2009 CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT

The Chief Constable reported that:

- Crime continued to decrease whilst detections increased.
- Cable theft offences were running at a lower rate than had been seen recently
- The Force had maintained its Quality of Service target with various innovations around victim satisfaction.
- The sickness target could be affected by the swine flu pandemic and this would be monitored

The Authority sent its congratulations to DC Naughton and PC Wareing who had been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Congratulations were also given the Chief Constable who had received a knighthood.

The Force had consulted on the use of tasers with industry and passenger groups. The consultation had been generally positive and some concerns had been allayed. The next step was to pilot tasers at five sites. The Force reported that tasers were already widely used by other forces. The Force would report back to the Authority once the pilots were completed.

The HR Business Centre was up and running in Birmingham.

There were to be separate inquiries into the Potters Bar and Grayrigg incidents.

#### Agreed:

- **The Force to report back to the Authority once the taser pilots were complete.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am venue Holiday Inn Camden Lock**

Signed.....  
Chairman