

## Briefing Note for Tim Render      13 July 2006

### Meeting with Nottinghamshire Police regarding ongoing investigation

- The meeting took place with DS s.40(2) and 3 Audit staff members on 11 July 2006.
- During the meeting we updated DS s.40(2) on our progress so far and provided a summary of cases that had been reviewed. We highlighted that to date, there is more concern regarding the personnel / recruitment side of the investigation.
- DS s.40(2) was clear that the police are taking on the case and that 2 Detective Constables have been allocated the job, although I do not believe that they have had much involvement so far.
- I asked about the memorandum of agreement, which needs to be in place. This is likely to take a month and DS s.40(2) is to produce this herself. She is to speak to DI s.40(2) next Monday regarding this.
- The police consider that the activities of s.40(2) should be the focus of the investigation and it shouldn't go much wider.
- An issue for the police is deciding upon what benefit would be derived from providing employment / houses for this group of individuals.
- The police intend to go to the CPA at an early stage (not sure what early means) to obtain an opinion on the likelihood of a prosecution.
- Between us we have identified some further work that would assist the investigation, details of which are attached.
- DS s.40(2) has requested details of the other allegations that we have been involved with, along with details of any disciplinary action. We have agreed to provide this, along with various policy documents in order to allow them to see the full picture.
- DS s.40(2) has suggested that after Internal Audit has handed over all relevant records and assisted with gathering any outstanding records, our involvement should then be sporadic; providing documents and information as and when necessary. I pointed out that we need to complete other investigations but the sort of assistance that she was describing would not be a problem.

### Action

- Contact Senior Police Officer and ensure that the investigation is moved on.

- Police involvement so far has been slow, without any direction, I therefore suggest that Internal Audit complete the following work, pass it to the Police and then return to finishing the work on the other allegations:
  - Complete our review of allocations and recruitment in respect of s.40(2) [REDACTED].
  - Complete a schedule (currently work in progress) which shows the linkages between properties, officers, organisations and other individuals.
  - Obtain an understanding of how the First Call Agency normally works and produce some analysis of those registered.
  - Obtain more information in respect of Birchover Park (planning permissions, payment of utilities etc)
  - Undertake some comparisons of recruitment exercises.
  - Undertake some comparisons of property allocations to establish consistency of treatment.
  - Plot the allocation of properties / employment against s.40(2) [REDACTED]

s.40(2) [REDACTED]