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## Police Authority Briefed on Luton Parade

Members of Bedfordshire Police Authority have met with Chief Constable Gillian Parker to receive a briefing and update on the events surrounding the homecoming parade of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment in Luton.

Members had requested the meeting to enable them to respond to concerns from local communities.

The Chief Constable clarified that only the Home Secretary can ban a march or protest and that the Home Secretary's decision is based on evidence of a previous history of unlawful behaviour. There was no such evidence in this instance.

In response to queries about the ongoing investigation, the Chief Constable confirmed that all the available photographic, TV and CCTV coverage of the incident was still being examined by a team of officers. Members questioned the timescales involved and accepted that every possible piece of evidence, of which there is a great quantity, must be inspected before a case can be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Peter Conniff, Chair of the Police Authority, said: "Members appreciated the Chief Constable's explanation of the legal processes behind the actions taken on the day and the ongoing investigation. Naturally we hope for a swift and satisfactory outcome.

"We fully appreciate that this is a very sensitive situation and would like to thank all those who have contacted us to give us their views."

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