

POLICE COMMITTEE
Friday, 6 December 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 6 December 2013 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman Alison Gowman
Brian Harris
Vivienne Littlechild
Helen Marshall
Deputy Joyce Nash
Don Randall
Deputy Richard Regan

Officers:

Neil Davies	- Town Clerk's Department
Alex Orme	- Town Clerk's Department
Xanthe Couture	- Town Clerk's Department
James Goodsell	- Town Clerk's Department
Suzanne Jones	- Chamberlain's Department
Steve Telling	- Chamberlain's Department

City of London Police:

Adrian Leppard	- Commissioner
Ian Dyson	- Assistant Commissioner
Wayne Chance	- Commander of Operations
Stephen Head	- Commander, Economic Crime
Eric Nisbett	- Director of Corporate Services
Hayley Williams	- Chief of Staff

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Boleat, Simon Duckworth, Alderman Ian Luder and Deputy Keith Knowles.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Deputy Richard Regan declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item 11, Police Property Act Fund due to being Vice Chair of the City of London Academy Islington.

3. MINUTES

3.a) The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 1 November 2013 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The Chairman discussed if additional Member workshops/information sessions in 2014 would be useful, on the topics of the Force's social media strategy, Action Fraud, the Public Protection Unit, Bishopsgate custody suite visit and a meeting with the Independent Advisory Group. The Town Clerk undertook to consult Members on which topics and times would be preferred.

Social Media Report and Workshops

The Chairman asked that Members inform the Town Clerk of any additional workshop topics, and a Member suggested that information on the Force's Special Constables could be presented.

Equality Diversity and Human Rights (EDHR) Update

The Chairman noted that the Women's Network event was well attended and looked forward to next year's event and hoped to have the involvement of more City businesses.

3.b) The public minutes and summary of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee held 13 November 2013 were received subject to grammatical amendments.

Matters Arising

Item 5 (National Policing Model Integrity Code)

The Chairman of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee informed Members that the Sub-Committee had made a number of queries and suggestions, which had been taken on board by the Force and incorporated in the integrity model.

3.c) The note of the inquorate note of the Performance and Resource Management (Sub) Police Committee held 15 November 2013 was received subject to the following amendments -

- Item 7 (Human Resources – Monitoring Information April 2013 – November 2013) -the number of black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) and females in senior posts would be presented in more detail in future reports of Human Resources – monitoring information.
- Item 8 (Internal Audit Update Report) - the Chamberlain's reassurance that 125 monitoring audit days would be completed for 2013-14 would be explicitly noted.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

Integrity Dashboard

The Commissioner advised the integrity monitoring report being presented to this meeting of the Committee included a delivery action plan.

Road Safety Update

The Commissioner updated Members that the Force was preparing a comprehensive update that would be brought to the Committee as a joint report in February 2014 with the City's Department of Built Environment. The Chairman noted this was an important report and a Member advised that monthly meetings were underway to complete the Road Safety Reduction Plan. The Chairman stated that additional reports could be requested following from the presentation of the February report.

Licensed Premises Saturation Update

It was noted the saturation of licensed premises was an update that would be provided through the Town Clerk's Department.

Independent Advisory Group Recruitment Update

It was noted the recruitment of the Independent Advisory Group Member was done through the City of London Corporation and the Town Clerk would undertake to provide an update to Members.

Upgrade of IT services

The Commissioner noted that the report presented in January would include discussion of the Force's Athena consortium. The Director of Corporate Services added that IT workshops were being conducted throughout the Force with efforts being made to digitize work streams.

5. **REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which sought approval for the terms of reference of the Police Committee and the frequency of meetings.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) The Terms of Reference be approved for submission to the Court of Common Council subject to amendment to paragraphs 3.a) and 3.g) as follows –
 - i. 3.a) reference of the Force's national security role be included and "person" to read "persons", amended as follows:
"securing an efficient and effective police service in the City of London and nationally, where so designated by the Home Office, and holding the Commissioner to account for the exercise of his/her functions and those persons under his/her direction and control"
 - ii. 3.g) - the title of the "Professional Standards and Complaints Sub-Committee" be corrected to read, the "Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee"

6. STANDARD ITEM ON THE SPECIAL INTEREST AREA SCHEME

6.a) Community Engagement Update

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which updated members on recent community engagement activities, community priorities and forthcoming events.

The Commander of Operations noted that the Victim Support Service was succeeding in providing increased capacity to support victims of crime. A full evaluation of the process would be completed in March 2014.

6.b) Equality Diversity and Human Rights (EDHR) Update

The Town Clerk provided an update on behalf of the Equality and Diversity Manager that outlined the following –

- The International Day of Persons with Disabilities had been well attended, with 40 people at each session. Further evaluation would be conducted in advance of next year's event.
- Work was underway to meet the annual equality duty data update deadline of 31st January.
- The Equality and Diversity Manager had attended a conference on human rights training for public and civil services. Subject to agreement internally, would be included in Force training and service delivery and reported to the Committee when implemented.

6.c) Any Other Special Interest Area Updates

There were no other updates.

7. BUDGET MONITORING YEAR TO DATE OCTOBER 2013/14

The Committee received a report which updated Members as to the financial position of the Force as of the 7th October 2013.

The Director of Corporate Services informed Members that there had been two changes to the report originally included as part of the agenda that had been re-circulated in advance of the meeting.

The 2013/14 year end forecast for the revenue budget was an over spend of £0.4m, an improvement of £1.7m when compared to the original budget which had assumed a contribution from general reserves of £2.1m. The improved position was due to an increase from the Government grant for Dedicated Security Posts of £3.4m, which the Force had expected to be reduced to £5m. The risk of this reduction remained in the future going forward.

The Chairman noted that Appendix C (Grant Schedule) of the report was very useful in outlining the funding purpose and status of various Force projects and programmes.

The Commissioner explained that the Force had forecast the use of spend reserves would be required from the loss of the Corporate Social Responsibility budget and more Police Officer leavers than estimated.

8. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided Members with information on the Force's Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2013-17.

Members were informed that a number of risks had been built into the budgets, which included a reduction in Dedicated Security Posts/Capital City funding, revenue contributions towards the financing of capital expenditure and the assumption that there would be no increase in the Business Rate Premium. If these risks were to materialise, and there were no measures implemented to mitigate the budget deficits, the Force's General Reserve would move from £15.3m in hand at 1 April 2013 to an overdrawn position of £7.9m by 31 March 2017

It was noted that this would be contrary to the current Court of Common Council arrangements which require the Force to have a balance in its Reserves of no less than £4m.

It was agreed that the Force would liaise with the Chamberlain to produce an update report to be brought back to the Committee in July to agree timelines to mitigate risk and balance the budget over the four year period.

Members and officers discussed the assumption presented in the report that the business rate premium would not be increased and were advised that the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee (RA Sub) on 12 December would be considering whether an increase in the premium from April 2014 should be recommended.

Members noted that this Committee was sighted on why an increase in the business rate premium is critical to the long term financial stability of the Force whereas other Members may be unaware of the pressure on, and complexity of, Force funding. The Commissioner noted that at the last two annual consultation meetings with Business Ratepayers, the need for a potential increase in the premium had been highlighted. However, an increase had not been agreed and the additional income which would be generated is now even more critical to sustaining the services provided by the Force.

The Chairman requested that information be circulated to Members of RA Sub to outline the Force's funding structure and the impact of the business rate premium on the Force's budget.

The Commissioner informed Members that the Assistant Commissioner would attend the meeting of RA Sub on behalf of the Commissioner. Members of the Committee who also sit on RA Sub would speak in support of an increase in the business rate premium.

RESOLVED - That,

- a) A joint report of the Commissioner and the Chamberlain be brought to the 4th July 2014 meeting of the Committee to agree timelines to mitigate risk and manage budget reductions over a four year period.
- b) Members were supportive of an increase to the Business Rate Premium and agreed that this be communicated to the meeting of RA Sub on 12 December.

9. **BERNARD MORGAN HOUSE - ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHARGES**

The Committee considered an annual report of the Commissioner of Police on the review of charges for Bernard Morgan House and presented to Members the measures to mitigate the deficit and recommended the changes to pricing tariffs.

Members and officers discussed the increase to car-parking in line with City of London charges for residents, and the Director of Corporate Services undertook to check if the increase could be higher than 3.3%. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that if for any legal or other reason the charges could not be increased as recommended in the report. He would inform Members accordingly.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) non-City of London Police Officer / support staff be charged by £5 per day with effect from 1st April 2014; and
- b) all other charges by 3.3% with effect from 1st April 2014.

10. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE: RISK REGISTER UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Force Strategic Risk Register which had been received at the last meeting of Performance and Resource Management Sub-Committee.

The Assistant Commissioner updated Members that some amendments had been made to the register as some had become historic. It was noted that the SR 15: Delivery of Information Assurance Maturity Model (IAMM) was a requirement by the Home Office and expected all police forces to achieve a certain level of IT security. The Deputy Chairman noted that the Force's protection of its data was an area of strategic importance to the Force.

With regards to SR 14: IT Business Continuity, a report would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee on the Force's IT strategy. The Force assured Members that the Force's recent IT issues had been limited to the Outlook email system and had given the Force an opportunity to assess its business continuity programme.

11. **POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND**

The Committee considered an annual report of the Town Clerk which informed Members of applications and awards from the Police Property Act Fund during

2013 and asked the Committee to consider four further grants by individual Members.

The Chairman noted an additional grant would be considered for the City of London Academy – Islington (CC. Reg. No. 1121962) to fund a new cadet unit that was set up to give Academy students a structure in their lives. The grant would assist young people from deprived backgrounds to go to camp with adequate equipment.

In addition, Members suggested the Child Victims of Crime which helped child victims affected by criminality, the establishment of the National Police Arboretum Trust and the Sheriffs' Recorder's Fund. It was noted that if other academies had cadet programmes, they were welcome to be considered for a grant.

A Member queried what the policy was around the maintenance of reserves and it was agreed the Town Clerk would undertake to bring a report to the Committee which would review the fund's investment policies and outline the aims of the Fund going forward. The Chairman suggested, and Members agreed charities would receive grants of £1,500 instead of £1,000 at this meeting.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) Members note the contents of the report;
- b) approve one-off grants of £1,000 to each of the following charities:-
 - i. First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (CC Reg. 249360)
 - ii. St John's Ambulance (CC Reg. 1077265/1)
 - iii. City of London Police Charity for Children (CC Reg. 294362)
 - iv. The Hampstead Marie Curie Hospice (CC Reg. 207994)
 - v. St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney (CC Reg. 1113125)
 - vi. Haven House Children's Hospice, Essex (CC Reg. 1044296)
 - vii. City of London Academy – Islington (CC Reg. 11219862)
 - viii. Child Victims of Crime (CC Reg.
 - ix. National Police Arboretum Trust (CC Reg.
 - x. Sheriffs' Recorder's Fund (CC Reg.
- c) a report be presented to the Committee which would reviewed the fund's investment policies and outlined the aims of the Fund going forward.

12. **INTEGRITY STATEMENT AND MONITORING**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which informed Members of the Force's development of an integrity statement forming part of the City Futures transformational change programme, along with an integrity action plan and monitoring dashboard.

The Assistant Commissioner noted that the integrity dashboard had been presented to the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee and more work was being done and would be presented to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee. He noted that an email had been sent to the Deputy Chairman which advised on the Force's control of data given the recent media

coverage police forces where there was concern over the standard of ethics and integrity. The Chairman requested that a report be presented to the Committee on the issues surrounding the role of the IPCC nationally, and how this could impact the Force.

The Assistant Commissioner also took the opportunity to thank the Chairman of the Sub-Committee for her support in the process of establishing these integrity monitoring processes.

13. CITY FUTURES OVERVIEW

The Committee received a presentation of the City Futures Programme, and Members were informed of the programme's aims and objectives.

Members expressed their support for the programme and applauded work programme. Members noted the Programme was providing an opportunity for many officers from many levels of the Force to provide feedback on initiatives the Force was implementing.

It was suggested that a report back be produced and it was agreed the Committee would receive an update in three to six months' time.

14. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Questions were raised as follows –

The Town Clerk undertook to circulate the date of the next Economic Crime and Fraud Training Academy Steering Group meeting to relevant Members.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no other items of urgent business.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item No	Exempt Paragraphs
17.a)	3
17.b)	1,2 & 5
18	3

17. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

17.a) The non-public minutes of the meeting held 1 November 2013 were approved as a correct record.

17.b) **The non-public minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee held on 13 November 2013 were received.**

18. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

The Commissioner of Police was heard concerning on-going and successful operations undertaken by the City of London Police.

19. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm

Chairman

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