

POLICE COMMITTEE
Friday, 4 July 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 4 July 2014 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow (Deputy Chairman)
Mark Boleat
Simon Duckworth
Lucy Frew
Alderman Alison Gowman
Deputy Keith Knowles
Alderman Ian Luder
Helen Marshall
Deputy Joyce Nash
Don Randall

Officers:

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| John Barradell | Town Clerk |
| Katie Odling | Town Clerk's Department |
| James Goodsell | Policy Officer |
| Graham Bell | Chief Information Officer |
| Suzanne Jones | Business Support Director, Chamberlain's Department |

City of London Police:

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

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman began the meeting by expressing congratulations to Ken Stewart on being awarded a Queen's Police Medal (QPM).

He added further congratulations to Simon Duckworth on his recent OBE.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Vivienne Littlechild and Deputy Richard Regan.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES -**

1a. **RESOLVED - That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 23 May 2014 be approved.**

MATTERS ARISING –

Barbican Highwalk CCTV – A progress update was circulated to the Committee which advised that contact had been made with the City of London Police, Crime Investigation Directorate to establish levels of incidents over period of 1 – 3 years and this information was currently being collated for analysis.

A further meeting had also taken place with Barbican Estate Officers regarding their understanding of the current situation. CCTV has been discussed by the Barbican Estate Security Committee on a number of occasions with the outcome of the October 2012 meeting being:

“Recommendations & concluding thoughts -

- No additional CCTV coverage is required at this time*
- No additional bins are required provided the level and frequency of the existing podium cleaning staff is maintained.*

Although the Barbican Estate has low levels of most types of crime, this is not necessarily reflected in individuals' perception of the risk of being a victim of crime. The BESC believes it is important to ensure adequate maintenance of existing lighting levels and lines of sight along the podium walkways and all entrances to the Estate to reduce both the fear of crime and act as a deterrent to opportunistic crimes. Measures to improve these should be considered in badly lit / obscured areas. Furthermore, when building works impinging on access routes to the Estate / podium walkways are approved, lighting and security factors should be given due consideration to ensure adequate lighting / security during the carrying out of the works. Consideration should also be given to improvements that may be required following the boarding up of vacant buildings on the Estate podium etc. which may adversely affect existing provision.”

*Barbican Estate Security Committee
23 October 2012*

The Committee noted that if the current crime data showed an increase in incidents or there was an increase in the perception of 'fear of crime' then options relating to CCTV may be explored. This work could be co-ordinated by the Safer City Partnership, working with Barbican Estate Officers and Residents, the City of London Police and the Department of Built Environment.

A progress report would be brought back to the Committee at the appropriate time.

Appointment of Representatives to Sub Committees

RESOLVED – That,

- 1) Nick Benstead-Smith be co-opted on to the Economic Crime Board for the ensuing year; and
- 2) Dhruv Patel be co-opted on to the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee for the ensuing year.

2a. **RESOLVED - That the draft public minutes and summary of the Performance Management and Resource Sub (Police) Committee meeting held on 28 May 2014 be received.**

3a. **RESOLVED - That the draft public minutes and summary of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee held on 16 May 2014 be received.**

4a. **RESOLVED - That the draft public minutes and summary of the Economic Crime Board meeting held on 22 May 2014 be approved.**

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

RESOLVED – That the list of outstanding actions be noted.

5. **MOBILE TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION**

The Committee received a demonstration from T/ Chief Superintendent David McGinley regarding the mobile technology software for the City of London Police. The new software would enable Officers to have an increased understanding of their role by allowing them to assess information and identify issues more expediently.

During discussion, reference was made to the following –

- personal data protection and security;
- what legal advice had been obtained in respect of the process and forms and language on the software application which it was agreed a legal check and due diligence on business processes and forms associated with the Mobile Working application would be undertaken;
- the process for dealing with lost or stolen devices;
- the future opportunities to replace text notebooks with electronic notebooks;

The Chairman thanked T/ Chief Superintendent McGinley for the informative presentation and attending the meeting.

6. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided details of issues raised at Ward Level at Panel meetings and the Forces response since the last Community Engagement reports.

7. REVIEW OF THE POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding the Police Property Act Fund. The report recommended a fixed proportion of the fund (based on a proportion of the total sum) be donated to charitable causes and that the opportunity be made available to the same charity over consecutive years.

The Committee were informed that paragraph 7 of the report and point 8 in Appendix A would be amended to reflect that up to of 75% of the balance would be distributed to charitable causes and this was not set at 75% as the report suggested.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) up to 75% of the Police Property Act Fund balance be donated to charitable causes on an annual basis;
- b) the amount granted to individual charities be increased from £1000 to £2500 and that this be formalised into the Criteria for Disbursement; and
- c) Members be provided with the opportunity to donate to the same charity in consecutive years.

8. ROAD SAFETY- CASUALTIES AND COLLISIONS

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided an update in respect of road casualties and collisions.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. ANNUAL REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ACTIVITY 2013-14

A report of the Commissioner of Police was received which provided a comprehensive overview of activities relating to the Police Standards over the year 2013/2014.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2013/14

A joint report of the Chamberlain and the Commissioner of Police was considered regarding the Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2013/2014.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

11. FEES AND CHARGES 2014/15

A joint report of the Chamberlain and the Commissioner of Police was considered in relation to the Fees and Charges for 2014/2015.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) the Special Services of Police Charges 2014/15 be agreed, thereby giving explicit approval to the continued use of the hourly charge rates for Private Services provided by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS); and
- b) the General Fees and Charges be approved, thereby implementing the schedule of rates for the provision of market

non-competitive activities be implemented, and in particular agree to follow the MPS scale of charges for 2014/15.

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

There were no questions.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Economic Crime - The Committee were informed that the City of London Police Authority has been successful in its bid to the PCC Completed Fund for grant funding of £260,000 to set up an Economic Crime Victim Care Unit. The Unit would provide greater support and protection to individuals and businesses targeted by fraud. In response to a question, it was agreed that the Town Clerk and the Commissioner of Police would update the Chairman on the allocation of funds.

The Chairman expressed special thanks to the Commissioner of Police and his Force regarding the outcome of the Horse Meat Enquiry.

14. 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.

15. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES -

1a. **RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 23 May 2014 be approved**

2a. **RESOLVED - The draft non-public minutes and summary of the Economic Crime Board meeting held on 22 May 2014 be received**

3a. **RESOLVED - The draft non-public minutes and summary of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee held on 16 May 2014 be received**

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16. CLOSURE OF BERNARD MORGAN HOUSE

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the closure of Bernard Morgan House.

17. ACTION AND KNOW FRAUD PROJECT - GATEWAY 4 DETAILED OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the Action and Know Fraud Project.

18. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE UNIFORM PROCUREMENT**
The Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the procurement of the City of London Police New Uniform.
19. **COVERT POLICING UPDATE**
A report of the Commissioner of Police was received which provided an update in respect of Covert Policing.
20. **REINSTATEMENT OF CHILD / DEPENDENT'S PENSION**
The Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of Police reading the reinstatement of Child/Dependent's Pension.
21. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**
The Commissioner of Police was heard concerning on-going and successful operations undertaken by the City of London Police.
22. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
23. **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 1.00 pm

Chairman

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