POLICE COMMITTEE
Thursday, 21 January 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 21 January 2016 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:
Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow (Deputy Chairman)
Mark Boleat
Simon Duckworth
Lucy Frew
Alderman Alison Gowman
Alderman Ian Luder
Helen Marshall
Deputy Joyce Nash
Lucy Sandford
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Deputy James Thomson

Guest
Edward Lord

Officers:

Alex Orme	-	Town Clerk's Department
Katie Odling	-	Town Clerk's Department
Oliver Bolton	-	Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	-	The Chamberlain
Steve Telling	-	Chamberlain's Department
Iain Simmons	-	Department of the Built Environment
Steve Presland	-	Department of the Built Environment
Valeria Cadena-Wrigley	-	Community Safety

City of London Police:

Ian Dyson, QPM	-	Commissioner
Wayne Chance	-	T/Assistant Commissioner
Richard Woolford	-	T/Commander, Operations
Hayley Williams	-	Chief of Staff

1. **APOLOGIES**
   Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Richard Regan and Commander Chris Greany.

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 minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015 be approved.

2a. RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Economic Crime Board meeting held on 9 November 2015 be received.

3a. RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee meeting held on 20 November 2015 be received.

4a. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Performance and Resources Management Sub Committee held on 8 December 2015 be received.

4. **REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2016/17 AND DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UP TO 2018/19**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Commissioner which, following the Government's announcement of the provisional police funding settlement for 2016/17 in December, provided an update on the draft medium term financial plan presented to your Committee and the Finance Committee in September 2015.

During the discussion, comments were made as follows –

The Commissioner confirmed that he had taken a decision to increase the number of firearms officers in the City which would increase the total number of warranted officers by 10 above the numbers shown in the paper. The Chancellor had said in his autumn statement that central government funding would be available to increase the firearms capability across policing nationally, but it was still not certain how much, if any funding the force would be eligible to receive and operational concerns required the uplift to be made now.

The Commissioner was certain we would receive some central funding, and he was committed to making further efficiencies in the force, but was not confident at this stage, given the level of reductions and efficiencies made over the past few years, that this would address the funding challenge in its entirety.

The Chairman sought a view from the Committee regarding supporting an increase in the business rate premium. The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee expressed a view that before making a decision, it was important to be explicitly clear on the proposals. In reply, a view was expressed by some Members who stated they would support an increase in the business rate premium in order to ensure greater resilience within the Force. In addition, further monies would enable an increase in Police Officers. Some Members of the Committee considered that businesses and residents would support the increase.

RESOLVED – That,

a) the latest forecast outturn for 2015/16 be noted;
b) the revenue budget for 2016/17 be approved for submission to the Finance Committee;
c) the capital budget for 2016/17 be approved;
d) the indicative deficits forecast for 2017/18 and 2018/19 be noted; and
e) a further report (or reports) be presented on the strategy for restoring financial balance by 2017/18 together with an updated programme of capital and major revenue projects over the medium term. These will be prepared in time for the Resource Allocation Sub Committee Away-Weekend on 24/25 June.

f) That a resolution be submitted to the Policy and Finance and Resources Committees in support of increasing the business rate premium.

5. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

RESOLVED: That the list of outstanding references be noted.

6. **REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which recommended a number of changes to increase the size and composition of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee, the Performance and Resources Management Sub Committee and the Economic Crime Board, such that each is comprised of ten Members.

RESOLVED - That,

a) the size of the Economic Crime Board, the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee and the Performance and Resources Management Sub Committee be increased to ten Members (composition is detailed below):
    - Economic Crime Board
    - Performance and Resource Management Sub Committee; and,
    - Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee;
b) the Town Clerk be instructed to write to all Members of the Court seeking expressions of interest for the co-opted vacancies on the Economic Crime Board and the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee and for the Performance and Resources Management Sub Committee, expressions of interest be sought from the Audit and Risk Management Committee. The Police Committee will consider the appointments at the next appropriate meeting;
c) the changes be implemented at the annual meeting of the Committee in May 2016; and
d) no change be made to the size and composition of the Grand Committee.

Economic Crime Board

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee (ex-officio)*
- Up to five Members of the Police Committee appointed by the Police Committee
- Three co-opted Members from the Court of Common Council to be appointed by the Police Committee.

Performance and Resources Management Sub Committee

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee (ex-officio)*
- Up to six Members of the Police Committee appointed by the Police Committee
- Two co-opted Members to be appointed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee (ex-officio)*
- Up to five Members of the Police Committee appointed by the Police Committee
- One co-opted Member to be appointed by the Police Committee

7. **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding the terms of reference and frequency of meetings of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the terms of reference be approved for submission to the Court.

8. **COMMUNITY REMEDY**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which set out proposals for the Community Remedy Document (CRD).

One Member considered that the following revisions should be made to the CRD –

1. Should only apply to first offence
2. Section 4 and 4a POA offences should be excluded
3. Should exclude racially aggravated crime – after discussion this was widened to hate crime more broadly
4. Should be more flexibility on financial threshold – currently £100 damages – as impact on victim can be considerable even with lower value e.g. theft of keys / cards.

It was agreed that a meeting with the relevant Member(s), the Commissioner and the Town Clerk would be arranged to discuss a way forward in respect of the proposed revisions and therefore a further report should be brought to the Committee on 25 February 2016.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the purpose of the CRD was to give the victim the opportunity to make a decision on what actions an offender should carry out to repair the damage done and cold be made as an alternative to prosecuting the offender through the courts.

RESOLVED – That the report be deferred for a discussion regarding the proposed revisions to the CRD. The report would be considered at the next meeting on 25 February 2016.

9. **POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which provided details of applications and awards from the Police Property Act Fund during 2015.

RESOLVED – That,

a) The following charities receive a grant of £1000 -
   - The Royal Humane Society
   - Housing the Homeless Central Fund
   - St John's Ambulance
   - Only connect
   - The Sheriffs and Recorders Fund
b) The following charities receive a grant of £2,500 -
   - Embrace Child Victims of Crime
   - City of London Police – Charity of Children
   - The Police Rehabilitation Trust
   - Care of Police Survivors

10. **STANDARD ITEM ON THE SPECIAL INTEREST AREA SCHEME**

1a. **Community Engagement Update**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which detailed issues raised by the community and the police response to them since the last report in September 2015.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman expressed thanks to Superintendent Helen Isaac and her team for their excellent work.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

2a. **Equality Diversity and Human Rights (EDHR) Update**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided an update of Equality and Inclusion related activities conducted by the Force since the previous report to the Committee in September 2015.

One Member commented that information on the website regarding EDHR required updating.

Members noted that the work with Stonewall continued to be positive.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

3a. **Any Other Special Interest Area Updates**

There were none.

11. **ANTI-TERRORISM TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment proposing the introduction of an Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order (ATTRO) in the City on a permanent basis.

Members were informed that details of how the Order would operate were still being discussed with Transport for London (TfL) and as a consequence it was suggested that the Order be approved in principle subject to the clarification of certain legal aspects.

The Committee questioned whether the rank of the police officer required to make the decision on the instigation of the ATTRO was appropriate.

After further discussion a vote was cast. This resulted in two Members voting against the proposal.

RESOLVED – That subject to clarification of certain legal proceedings and the applicable statutory processes a permanent City ATTRO be approved in principle after which approval will be given for the following –

a) the Director of the Built Environment or her delegated officer be authorised to carry out consultation and publication of Notice of the proposal to make the City ATTRO;

b) the Director of the Built Environment or her delegated officer be authorised to evaluate all responses to the consultation and Notice and, if there are no unresolved objections, to determine whether or not to proceed to make the City ATTRO and carry out all associated statutory processes;

c) in the event of there being unresolved objections to the proposal to make the City ATTRO, they be reported to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for that Committee to determine the next step; the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to agree the proposed Protocol.

d) A report on the use of the ATTRO be submitted to Members annually.

e) In the event of TfL agreeing to their roads in the City being included in the City ATTRO, and/or any neighbouring traffic authorities agreeing to their boundary roads with the City being included in the City ATTRO, (a) the Comptroller and City Solicitor or his delegated officer be authorised to enter into any necessary agreements under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 (or other joint working agreements) with TfL and/or neighbouring traffic authorities; and (b) the Director of the Built Environment or her delegated officer be authorised to amend the ATTRO to include TfL roads and/or boundary roads with neighbouring traffic authorities, as the relevant traffic authorities may agree.

12. **POLICING PLAN**

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the revised Policing Plan 2016-2019 for the City of London, informing the community, stakeholders and staff how the City are was to policed.

RESOLVED – That,

a) the draft Policing Plan 2016-2019 be adopted, subject to any further amendments agreed by the Committee and the Commissioner;
b) following approval, the plan be published on the internet by 31 March 2016; and
c) the measures contained within the plan be considered separately by the Police Performance and Resources Management Sub Committee to which performance against the plan would be reported quarterly.

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

There were no questions.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items of urgent business.

15. **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.

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

1a. RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015 be approved

2a. RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the Economic Crime Board meeting on 9 November 2015 be received

17. **STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY, SECURITY AND AMENITY OF THE CITY VISION AND CONCEPT - WAIVER APPROVAL**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding a waiver approval for decision under Urgency by the Chamberlain in relation to strengthening the safety, security and amenity of the City vision and concept.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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.

RESOLVED - That the confidential minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee meeting held on 20 November 2015 be received

The Chairman expressed thanks Katie Odling for her work over the past two years. Katie would be shortly leaving the Corporation to take up a new role at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm

Chairman

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