

POLICE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 25 February 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 25 February 2016 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

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

In Attendance

Officers:

Ian Dyson QPM	- City of London Police
Commander Chris Greany	- City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police
Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
Gregory Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Alex Orme	- Town Clerk's Department
Amanda Thompson	- Town Clerk's Department
Chris Harris	- Chamberlain's Department
Peter Kane	- Chamberlain
Steve Telling	- Chamberlain
Richard Jeffrey	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Steve Presland	- Transportation & Public Realm Director
Will Wright	- City Surveyor's Department

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

3.1 **To agree the public minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2016.**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2016 be agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

Members Present – Edward Lord to be recorded as ‘In Attendance’ and not a ‘Guest’.

Minute 1 – Apologies

The removal of apologies from Commander Chris Greany as the giving of apologies isn’t applicable to officers.

Minute 11 – Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order – minute reworded below

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 proposal Order be approved in principle subject to the clarification of certain legal aspects.

The Committee questioned whether, in considering the duty to act in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights, legal advice had been obtained, and whether an equality impact assessment had been carried out. They were informed that the appropriate processes had been followed and that external legal advice had been obtained, which was very supportive. The Committee noted that they would like to see further details of the legal advice, which should be provided as soon as possible. The Committee questioned whether the rank of the police officer required to make the decision on the instigation of the ATTRO was appropriate, and noted that they would like to see the draft protocol. The Committee also noted that members had a number of drafting points to suggest on the draft order.

The Committee was advised that in the event of an ATTRO being agreed and 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 would 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 would be authorised to amend the ATTRO to include TfL roads and/or boundary roads with neighbouring traffic authorities, as the relevant traffic authorities might agree.

The Committee noted that any further steps requiring approval would need to return for decision and a report on the use of the ATTRO would be submitted to Members annually.

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

RESOLVED – That subject to provision of, and Members being comfortable with, the legal advice, and subject to the applicable statutory processes, the proposal for a permanent City ATTRO be approved in principle.

3.2 **ECONOMIC CRIME BOARD MINUTES - 5 FEBRUARY 2016**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Economic Crime Board meeting held on 5 February 2016 be received.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

RESOLVED – That the list of outstanding references be noted.

3. Barbican CCTV

The Commissioner reported that a project timeline had been circulated but was still in the procurement stage so it was not yet possible to predict an implementation date.

6. Internal Audit Review

The Chamberlain reported that review was currently in the consultation phase and the final recommendations and implementation details would be available at the next meeting on 14 April.

A member of the Committee asked if this could include an update on the Bridgehouse Estate.

7. Police Pensions Sub-Committee

Alderman Luder, Chairman of the Police Pensions Sub-Committee reported that five members of the sub-committee had been identified with one outstanding vacancy.

These were:

Chair:	Alderman Ian Luder
Additional elected member:	Deputy Alexander Deane
Police representative:	Superintendent Helen Isaac

Scheme member representatives:

Alan Goss (current pensioner)
Davina Plummer (deferred member)
Vacant (currently re-canvassing for interest)

Alderman Luder subsequently recommended their appointment.

RESOLVED – That Alan Goss and Davina Plummer be appointed as Scheme Member Representatives of the Police Pensions Sub-Committee.

8. Budget

This action had now been completed and could be taken off the list of outstanding references.

ATTRO

That a report back on the Policy and Resource Committee's decision in relation to this be provided at the next meeting.

5. **COMMUNITY REMEDY**

The Committee considered a report of the Community Safety Team setting out revised proposals for the Community Remedy Document (CRD) which had been updated to respond to a number of queries raised at the last meeting.

This included further information on the flexibility of the financial threshold for theft offences and addressed the concerns raised regarding the inclusion of section 4 of the Public Order Act, hate crime and domestic violence.

Members raised a number of questions concerning whether or not 'theft from the person' should be included, the options available to the victim, in what instances the CRD would be available, the results of the consultation exercise and how representative they were, future monitoring of the scheme and whether this would be done nationally, and also how the scheme would be advertised to the public.

Members noted that offenders with previous convictions couldn't be considered for a CR disposal if they had previous convictions or cautions, and officers would need to carry out checks to establish suitability prior to any decision being made.

RESOLVED - to

- a) Endorse the proposed remedies detailed in the report for inclusion within the Community Remedy Document.
- b) Approve publication of the Community Remedy for May 2016 to allow time to prepare the processes and provide necessary training.

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

There were no updates.

7. **POLICING PLAN 2016-19**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police presenting the 'designed' Policing Plan approved at the January Committee.

The Commissioner advised that the designed version had not yet been reviewed for typing or other errors, which first printed drafts usually contained, but that this would be done before the plan was formally published.

The Committee noted that the measures had also been considered and formally agreed by the Police Performance and Resources Sub Committee on the 24 February 2016, so the wording of some of the measures in the version in front of Members were still subject to slight change.

The Deputy Chairman, and Chairman of the Police Performance and Resources Sub Committee reported that the Sub-Committee had raised a number of comments in relation to the use of the word 'level' instead of numbers, the number of surveys being undertaken as a measuring tool and how reliable these were, the need to target cyclists as well as motorists and whether or not 'narrative assessment' involved external scrutiny.

The Sub-Committee had raised a question concerning a measure for rough sleepers, and was advised by the COLP that this had not been raised as an issue of concern within the community. Rough sleepers came under the responsibility of the local authority and not the Police.

The Sub-Committee had also asked for the inclusion of a measure for victims of anti-social behaviour, and had agreed to revisit and review the measure for Cybercrime after six months.

RESOLVED – That the report of the Commissioner and comments of the Performance and Resources Sub Committee be noted.

8. **ROAD DANGER REDUCTION PLAN 2016/17**

The Committee received a report from the Director of the Built Environment detailing the progress being made in reducing road traffic casualties on City streets and setting out proposals for achieving further reductions in the future.

Members noted the proposal reflected an important emphasis on six key action areas of enforcement; engineering; business engagement and behavioural change; reviewing and learning from the successes of others; reviewing staff location; and strengthened working with TfL and the GLA.

Members welcomed the report but expressed frustration that the table indicating the current profile of casualties was out of date as only reported up to 2014. The Director of the Built Environment advised that this was the approved data from TfL.

Members questioned whether or not a proper analysis of the effectiveness of the measures was undertaken as targets were often unachievable. It was suggested that there was no point in trying to do things that just couldn't be done. The issue of why TfL were referring to data not relevant to the City of London was also raised.

RESOLVED - that the Road Danger Reduction Programme be noted.

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

Youth Offending System

In advance of the meeting a Member had raised a number of questions in relation to the youth offending system operating in the City of London.

The member was informed that a report was being produced for the September 2016 meeting which would cover all of the questions raised and the Member confirmed that she was happy with the response.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

11. 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.

12. TO RECEIVE THE NON-PUBLIC DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC CRIME BOARD MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2016.

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the Economic Crime Board meeting held on 5 February 2016 be received.

13. NHS COMMISSIONING OF HEALTHCARE IN POLICE CUSTODY

The Committee received and approved a report from the Commissioner of Police regarding the responsibility for custody healthcare and recommending a suitable course of action.

14. CITY OF LONDON POLICE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT - GATEWAY 3/4 PROGRESS REPORT.

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a joint Gateway 3/4 update report of the Chamberlain, City Surveyor and Commissioner of the City of London Police which provided the Committee with an update on the Police Accommodation project. The report primarily advised on the decant strategy to allow the project to proceed.

15. FINSBURY HOUSE, 23 FINSBURY CIRCUS, EC2 - LETTING REPORT

The Committee considered and approved a report of the City Surveyor in relation to the letting of Finsbury House, 23 Finsbury Circus.

16. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

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

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

There were no questions.

18. 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 12.50 pm

Chairman

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