

POLICE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 19 May 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

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

Officers:

Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
Peter Lisley	- Assistant Town Clerk
Alex Orme	- Town Clerk's Department
Amanda Thompson	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Jeffrey	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Peter Kane	- Chamberlain
Steve Telling	- Chamberlain
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Ian Dyson	- Commissioner, City of London Police
Commander Chris Greany	- Commander Economic Crime, City of London Police
Stuart Phoenix	- Head of Strategic Development, City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- Chief of Staff, City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Henry Pollard.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

RESOLVED – That the Order of the Court of Common Council appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference be received.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – That Deputy Douglas Barrow be elected Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29 for the ensuing year.

On being elected, the Chairman thanked the Committee for its support and also thanked the immediate past Chairman, Deputy Henry Pollard, for his contribution to the work of the Committee.

Deputy Richard Regan spoke in appreciation of the immediate past Chairman's contribution to the work of the committee during his Chairmanship and a vote of thanks was moved, seconded and agreed.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

In advance of the meeting Deputy Henry Pollard had advised the Town Clerk that he wished to exercise his right to become Deputy Chairman.

RESOLVED – That Deputy Henry Pollard be elected Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 30 for the ensuing year.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk recommending a number of internal and external appointments for 2016/2017, terms of reference and composition of the Police Committee and its Sub-Committees, and frequency of meetings.

RESOLVED – That

- a) the Terms of Reference be noted;
- b) the appointment of the two Sub Committees, Economic Crime Board and Police Pensions Board be agreed as follows:-

ECONOMIC CRIME BOARD

Nicholas Bensted Smith
Lucy Frew
Helen Marshall
Simon Duckworth
Henry Pollard
Deputy Richard Regan

PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

Alderman Alison Gowman
Alderman Ian Luder
Nick Bensted Smith
Deputy James Thomson
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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY SUB COMMITTEE

Nick Bensted-Smith
Alderman Alison Gowman

Helen Marshall
Deputy Richard Regan
Deputy James Thomson

- c) the Chairmen for the two Sub-Committees and Economic Crime Board and the Police Pensions Board be appointed as follows:

Economic Crime Board

Simon Duckworth

Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee

Alderman Alison Gowman

Performance and Resource Management Sub-Committee

Deputy Douglas Barrow

Police Pensions Board

Alderman Ian Luder

- d) the Co-opted Member of the Professional Standards Sub Committee and the Economic Crime Board be appointed as follows –

Economic Crime Board

Tom Sleigh

Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee

James Tumbridge

- e) the appointments to various internal and external bodies be agreed as follows:

Streets and Walkways Sub Committee

Alderman Alison Gowman

Safer City Partnership

Deputy Douglas Barrow

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners

Simon Duckworth

- f) meetings be agreed as follows-:
- 8 times a year for the Police Committee;
 - Quarterly meetings for the two Sub-Committees and the Economic Crime Board; and
 - 2 times a year for the Police Pensions Board

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May be agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Community Engagement

In response to a question concerning a timeline for the Communications Strategy the Commissioner advised that ways of making communications more effective were currently being explored and would cover the use of social media.

It was agreed that this be added to the Outstanding References.

7.2 **Outstanding References**

RESOLVED – That the list of Outstanding References be noted.

It was agreed that the issue of Mental Health in Custody be added.

8. **SPECIAL INTEREST AREA SCHEME 2016/17**

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The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which set out the arrangements for the Special Area Interest (SIA) Scheme for 2016/2017 and requested Members to confirm appointments to each of these areas.

The report also informed of key developments in each of the areas over the past year, highlighting where Member involvement had made a difference.

The Committee noted one change for the 2016/17 Scheme which was to establish a SIA for Safeguarding and Public Protection.

Members of the Committee thanked officers for all their work and support in ensuring the success of the scheme.

RESOLVED – That report be noted and Lead Members be appointed as follows

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Business Improvement and Change and Performance and Risk Management	Deputy Douglas Barrow
Professional Standards and Integrity	Alderman Alison Gowman
Equality, Diversity & Human Rights	Lucy Sandford
Counter Terrorism	Simon Duckworth
Strategic Policing Requirement Overview	Deputy Henry Pollard
Economic Crime /Fraud	Simon Duckworth
Accommodation/Infrastructure	Deputy James Thomson
Road Safety and Casualty Reduction	Alderman Alison Gowman
Public Order	Deputy Douglas Barrow
Safeguarding and Public Protection/ICV	Nick Bensted-Smith

Scheme	
Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Engagement	Deputy James Thomson

9. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16**

The Committee received the draft annual report detailing crime, financial and staff statistics as well as the achievements of the City of London Police for 2015/16.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted and any further comments on content or accuracy be submitted to Stuart Phoenix no later than 6 June 2016.

10. **INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee received the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme (ICVS) Annual report informing of the issues raised by the ICV Panel in relation to custody provision in the City of London.

Members raised a number of points in relation to the timing of visits and rights of access, and it was also suggested that there should also be a focus on young people and those with mental health issues.

In response to a question concerning details of the type of complaints raised by those being held in custody, the Commissioner advised that these were reported to the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

Insulin Dependent Police Officers

In response to a question concerning CoL Police policy, the number of 'blue light drivers' who were insulin dependent and how they were monitored the Commissioner advised that there was one officer who was registered insulin dependent and therefore subject to regular review by way of regular blood testing and an annual health check. They also worked within the guidelines for 'Assessing Fitness for Blue Light Drivers.

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

Policing and Crime Bill

The Committee received the Policing and Crime Bill covering a broad range of policing issues and including some proposals in relation to emergency service collaboration and reforms to Police and Crime Commissioners.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

Wayne Chance

The Chairman reported that this was the last Committee that T/AC Wayne Chance would be attending as he was retiring from the police service after 30

years. The Chairman thanked T/AC Chance on behalf of Members for his work and commitment whilst with the City of London Police.

13. **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.

14. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 14 April be agreed as a correct record.

15. **POLICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY PROJECT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor, Chamberlain and Commissioner of the City of London Police which provided an update regarding the Police Accommodation Strategy Project

16. **ECONOMIC CRIME ACADEMY UPDATE**

The Committee received the Economic Crime Board update detailing significant achievements that had been delivered during the last reporting period.

17. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

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

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

There were no questions.

19. **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 closed at 12.50 pm

Chairman

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