

## **POLICE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 22 September 2016**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Deputy Douglas Barrow (Chairman)	Christopher Hayward
Deputy Henry Pollard (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Richard Regan
Nicholas Bensted-Smith	Lucy Sandford
Mark Boleat	Deputy James Thomson
Alderman Alison Gowman	

#### **Officers:**

Amanda Thompson	-	Town Clerk's Department
Alex Orme	-	Town Clerk's Department
Oliver Bolton	-	Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	-	Chamberlain
Ian Dyson	-	Commissioner, City of London Police
Alistair Sutherland	-	Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Hayley Williams	-	Chief of Staff, City of London Police
Richard Jeffrey	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Deborah Cluett	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Steven Bage	-	City Surveyor's Department
Peter Young	-	City Surveyor's Department
Paul Double	-	City Remembrancer
Iain Simmons	-	Department of the Built Environment

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Duckworth, Alderman Ian Luder and Helen Marshall.

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

There were no declarations.

### **3. MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Police Committee - 30 June 2016**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the 30 June be approved as a correct record.

The Committee noted that the City of London Police Museum was due to open on 24 October 2016.

**3.2 Police Professional Standards & Integrity - 3 June 2016**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the 3 June be received.

**3.3 Economic Crime Board - 22 July 2016**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the 22 July be received.

**4. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

**RESOLVED** – That the list of Outstanding Reference be noted and updated.

**5. RESOLUTIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** – That the resolutions of the Finance Committee's 'Review of the Sub-Committees' be noted.

**6. POLICING OF THE BRIDGES**

In response to a question concerning the policing of the bridges raised by a Member at the previous meeting, the Committee received a legal opinion from the Remembrancer.

The opinion concluded that the position, in respect of Tower Bridge and the Millennium Bridge, might be distinguished from other City bridges as, for those two bridges, the City, as Trustee, had an ability to fund as distinct from an obligation to fund in reference of the other bridges. The Commissioner confirmed next steps and undertook to bring a report detailing the business requirement to the next Committee

**RESOLVED** – That the update be noted.

**7. STANDARD ITEMS ON THE SPECIAL INTEREST AREA SCHEME**

**7.1 Equality Diversity and Human Rights (EDHR) Update**

The Committee received the quarterly update on Equality and Inclusion related activities conducted by the CoLP since the previous report in April 2016.

A Member commented on the success of the City Eid dinner, which was now in its fourth year, and hoped that it would continue as it was a perfect example of diverse communities coming together.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be received and its content noted

## 7.2 Community Engagement Update

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner outlining the issues that communities had highlighted during the CoLP's engagement activities since April 2016 and how the Communities and Partnerships teams had responded.

In response to a question concerning whether or not any slavery or human trafficking issues had been identified, the Commissioner advised that although there were no issues so far, this was an emerging issue and would be monitored through the strategic assessment process.

In relation to the new 'street briefings' initiative, the Committee suggested that outcomes from these be reported to the Safer City Partnership.

In relation to 'Operation Acton', an initiative to address homelessness and rough sleeping, the Chairman asked if this could be resilience tested as a recent experience had indicated that the system wasn't working properly.

A Member noted the reference to brothels and queried whether this was an emerging issue. The Member also queried whether work to address this issue was being co-ordinated with the Safer City Partnership.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

## 7.3 Any Other Special Interest Area Updates

The SIA lead for Road Safety, reported on a number of operations currently being delivered aimed at making the City's roads safer for all road-users and pedestrians. A Member asked for specific clarification regarding the resources which were being used to enforce the 20 miles per hour limit, as the statistics provided were insufficient in isolation to allow Members to understand the demands of enforcing the limit.

The Committee noted that a Road Safety Campaign 'Share the Road' had been launched in August, and was a joint venture with TfL which aimed to combine engagement, education and enforcement aimed at all road users.

Several Members of the Committee also raised questions regarding action taken against unlicensed street traders, particularly the peanut sellers on the bridges, and it was agreed that a note would be circulated regarding numbers dealt with and any enforcement action taken.

A Member requested that invitations to the Community Speedwatch Event be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

**RESOLVED** – That the update be noted.

(The SIA Lead for Accommodation gave an update during consideration of the relevant report at agenda item 17)

8. **HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner providing information on the current position regarding the management of health and safety within the CoLP since the last report submitted in September 2015.

The Committee noted that the assurance process involving internal and external assessments had highlighted areas for improvement around the management of fire safety linked to responsibilities and documentation.

Common areas of good practice that were noted include the arrangements for the management of health and safety including risk assessment processes.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

9. **BARBICAN CCTV UPDATE**

The Committee received a joint report of the Commissioner and the Town Clerk concerning the Barbican CCTV Project, the proposal for which had been delegated to the Ring Steel Project, under the governance of the Ring of Steel Board, chaired by the Commander Operations, City of London Police.

The Committee was advised that the decision of the Ring of Steel Board was that the proposal to commission additional CCTV cameras to the public walkways of the Barbican Residential estate and the Golden Lane estate could not be supported.

The Commissioner reported that in order to address some of the concerns raised by residents who had been in support of the proposal, increased security at the building site at London Wall Place, including the possibility of more CCTV cameras, was being explored. Additionally there was also going to be a review of the 'Ring of Steel' to make sure it was still fit for purpose. The outcomes of both would be reported to a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That the current position relating to the installation of CCTV cameras in the Barbican area be noted.

10. **ANNUAL UPDATE ON CUSTODY (YOUNG PERSONS, CHILDREN AND MENTAL HEALTH) AND USE OF FORCE**

The Committee received a joint report of the Commissioner and the Town Clerk providing an overview and update on three areas of policing – young persons and children in custody, mental health crisis in custody and use of force.

In relation to mental health data the Committee expressed concern that the mode of transport for 2 people was shown as 'unknown'. The Commissioner commented that this may have been due to the mode of transport not being noted on the CAD but reassured Members that the individuals concerned would have been conveyed to hospital nonetheless.

Additionally, the reference to referrals and pathways not being implemented raised concern and the Commissioner undertook to look into this and confirm by note.

The Chairman requested that he be provided with a clear definition of "overnight" to allow Members to clear information of how many children were detained overnight.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**11. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ACTIVITY - 2015/16**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner providing a comprehensive overview of activities relating to Police Professional Standards during the period April 2015 to March 2016.

The report also provided a summary of performance statistics submitted annually to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). Overall the recorded number of complaint cases had increased very slightly in this period. This was attributable to additional complaints relating to Action Fraud, the fraud reporting authority run by the Force which had a national remit. Figures were low relative to the number of interactions with the public and to the complaint figures for other Forces.

The CoLP had performed well in terms of recording complaint cases within the target of 10 days (94% against a national average of 88%) and the time taken to complete an investigation was also lower than the national average (53 days compared to the national average of 107 days).

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**12. CITY OF LONDON ATTRO - PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT**

The Committee received a report detailing the outcome of the public consultation concerning the City of London Anti-Terrorism Traffic Order.

The Committee was advised that the issues raised in the two responses received had now been addressed and TfL had provided authorisation to proceed to make the Order.

The Committee noted that the recommendations had been approved by the Planning and Transportation Committee.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

The Chairman reported that the CoLP were the first force in the country to utilise Special Constables within the Professional Standards Department and

had recently been named runner-up for the Lord Ferrers Awards special team of the year.

The Committee expressed congratulations to the Special Constables.

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. **COUNTER TERRORISM CAPABILITY AND RESPONSE - PRESENTATION**

The Committee received the presentation.

17. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

17.1 **Police Committee - 30 June 2016**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the 30 June be approved as a correct record.

17.2 **Police Professional Standards & Integrity - 3 June 2016**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the 3 June be received.

17.3 **Economic Crime Board - 22 July 2016**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the 22 July be received.

18. **POLICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY OVERVIEW & PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee received a joint report of the City Surveyor, Chamberlain and Commissioner providing an update on the inter-linked programmes within the Police Accommodation Strategy.

19. **CITY OF LONDON WIRELESS CONCESSION & CITY WIFI NETWORK**

The Committee received a joint report of the City Surveyor, Chamberlain and Commissioner regarding the City of London Wireless Concession and City Wifi Network.

20. **NATIONAL POLICE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT - PROPERTY & WIRELESS INTERFERENCE NOTIFICATIONS**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner concerning the National Police Collaboration Agreement in relation to Property and Wireless Interference Authorisations.

21. **EMERGENCY SERVICES MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMME**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner concerning the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme.

**22. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS**

The Committee received and noted a report advising Members of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b).

**23. HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE - APPENDIX 2**

The contents of the Appendix were noted.

**24. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

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

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

The response to questions was noted.

**26. 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.

**The meeting closed at 12.40 pm**

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Chairman

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