

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Wednesday, 22 November 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 22 November
2023 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chair)
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Helen Fentimen
Graham Packham
Deborah Oliver
Dawn Wright
Andrew Lentin
Melissa Collett (external member)
Michael Mitchell (external member)

Officers:

Ian Thomas	-	Town Clerk
Polly Dunn	-	Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley	-	Director of the City of London Police Authority
Greg Moore	-	Town Clerk's Department

City of London Police:

Peter O'Doherty	-	T/ Commissioner
Paul Betts	-	Assistant Commissioner
Umer Khan	-	City of London Police
Alix Newbold	-	City of London Police
Chris Bell	-	City of London Police
Sanjay Andersen	-	City of London Police
Martin O'Regan	-	City of London Police
Oliver Shaw	-	City of London Police
Hayley Williams	-	City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Munsur Ali, Nicholas Bensted-Smith and Sir Craig Mackey

The Chair noted that officers from Mayors Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) would be observing this meeting.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that - the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2023 be approved, as an accurate record, subject to a point of accuracy under the Apologies relating to the mistype of the name of an observer at the meeting. The Chair also noted that the scheduled meeting with the Home Secretary mentioned under the Chair's public update has been postponed due to the Cabinet reshuffle. A meeting with the new Home Secretary is to be arranged.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Board received a report of the Town Clerk, which set out Outstanding References from previous meetings of the Committee and noted the following:

- An officer outlined that Martyn's Law legislation currently remains with Parliament. Officers have continued to engage with City businesses likely to be affected by this legislation. Timescales for its Parliamentary introduction, and implementation, are yet to be determined. The Chair requested visibility of the engagement sessions to share with Members for awareness.
- A report on the evaluation of the Cycle Squad trial will be shared with the Police Authority Board in January 2024.

RESOLVED, that - the report be noted.

5. **MINUTES FROM RECENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

There were no draft minutes since the last meeting of the Board.

6. **CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE**

The Board received the Chair's update, noting particularly the Chair's thanks for work of the City of London Police during the week of the Lord Mayor's Show, Remembrance Sunday and the Lord Mayor's Banquet, over a weekend with significant protests relating the conflicts in the Middle East.

The Chair noted Royal Assent for the Online Safety Act and the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act. The Chair requested that the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee should look at how these new provisions will be implemented.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

7. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

The Board received the Commissioner's update and noted thanks from the Commissioner to officers and staff for their work at recent events.

The Commissioner noted White Ribbon Day on the 25 November 2023 to be followed by 16 days of activity. The Commissioner – and Police Authority Chair – were pleased that the City Police had been White Ribbon accredited. Two champions and six ambassadors have been appointed to support this campaign.

The Commissioner noted the work of the Economic and Cyber Crime Academy in implementing the Fraud Investigation Model across UK policing.

During the discussion and questions on other matters, the following points were noted:

- 80% of fraud investigations taken on within the City of London Police are investigated and taken to court within two years. This can be reduced further with the assistance of improved technology and reporting automation, however the throughput of cases through the court system is currently out of the control of the City of London Police
- National Fraud Week 2023 was successful, and it was agreed that more could be done in future using social media platforms to signal and label this work.
- The City of London Police Authority Board had commissioned a new Victims strategy. The Deputy Chair and Chair requested urgency in the delivery of the Strategy, with a publication ambition of April 2024. A draft of the strategy will be shared with the Board in the New Year.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

8. NATIONAL LEAD FORCE

The Chair suggested that item 8 be discussed with the Commissioner's update.

9. INDEPENDENT ADVISORY & SCRUTINY- UPDATE ON NEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Board received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update of the new arrangements of the Independent Advisory and Scrutiny Group (IASG). A commitment was made to bolster this relationship and to continue to support this engagement. Progress was noted regarding clearer engagement structures between the IASG and the Force. Areas of required improvement were noted, including the process supporting the review of stop and search data and body worn video. Challenges were noted around the vetting of members of the IASG.

During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- Improved clarity on the roles, responsibilities and outcomes for this group is required. This review and refresh will include the new executive members once they are recruited.
- There has been some turnover of members of the IASG, and some succession planning would be beneficial along with a rolling programme of refreshing this membership. It was suggested that some outreach to residents and businesses in the City would be important to ensure successful representation. Measurable key performance indicators would be helpful in evidencing the reach of the group.
- The Youth IASG is established and will adopt the learning from this work.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

10. NOTIFIABLE ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

The Board received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on the City of London Police's Notifiable Associations Policy. The policy was considered by the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee (PSIC) in May and November 2023. The Chief Officer team indicated that, going forward, they were content to make public any disclosures they make about membership of relevant groups to the public session of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee.

During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- The Town Clerk and Director of the Police Authority Board were asked to review the register of interests process for external members of the Board.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

11. QUARTERLY EQUALITY AND INCLUSION UPDATE

The Board received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update regarding Equality & Inclusion (E&I) activity.

During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- A Member, also the Chairman of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee thanked officers, noted a very high standard of work in this area, and noted the desire of the Committee to see measurable indicators of success for this strategy.
- The Chair and the Town Clerk expressed their thanks to the Force for gaining the White Ribbon accreditation and felt tackling violence against women and girls should be a priority for the force year-round.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

12. QUARTERLY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Board received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on community engagement by the City of London Police.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- This report was seen by the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee, which led to consideration for how community engagement is undertaken in the future.
- It was noted that Cluster Panels are not reaching all groups in the community and require format improvement.

13. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

- a) Vision Zero Plan 2023 – 2028**

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Environment concerning the Vision Zero Plan 2023 - 2028. The Plan had been revised following previous Member input. It had been considered and approved by the Planning and Transportation Committee on 21 November 2023.

During the discussion the following points were noted

- There was an opportunity during what was Road Safety Week to make an announcement on the Vision Zero plan, but this was subject to Members agreement to the revised approach set out in the Plan.
- Concerns were expressed about taking decisions on initiatives when there was uncertainty over the funding of them.
- While the Vision Zero Plan encompassed more than just City Police, it was likely that there would be implications in the Plan for policing budgets – e.g., to fund the continuation of the cycle squad, if Chief Officers decided to move forward with this scheme.
- The Chair recognised that funding commitments needed to be resolved by other relevant committees and recognised the concerns of Members relating to announcing an initiative without secured funding for it. The Chair clarified that if there are additional asks on the City Police as a result of the Plan, then additional resources would have to be found from elsewhere in the Corporation.
- Following discussion, and with the support of the majority of Members, the Chair proposed to defer the decision on the Vision Zero Plan at this time.

RESOLVED, that – this decision be deferred until further clarification around funding requirements are received.

Under Standing Order 38 (1) Deputy Graham Packham wished to record his dissent from the majority decision.

12.53 – Pursuant to Standing Order 40, Members agreed to extend the meeting until such a time that the remaining business of the Board had been concluded.

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 I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

16. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that - the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2023, be approved as an accurate record.

17. NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

18. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES FROM RECENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There were no draft non-public minutes since the last meeting.

19. **CHAIR'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE**

There was no update for the Board.

20. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

The Board received a report of the Commissioner regarding an update on the Force's activities.

21. **FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME REPORTING ANALYSIS SYSTEM (FCCRAS)**

The Board received a report of the Commissioner providing an update on the progress on the introduction of the new Fraud and Cyber Crime reporting and analysis service.

22. **NATIONAL LEAD FORCE**

This item was taken under item 20 as part of the Commissioner's update. There was nothing further to report.

23. **NATIONAL POLICING STRATEGY FOR FRAUD, ECONOMIC AND CYBER CRIME 2023-2028**

The Board received a report providing an outline of the National Policing Strategy for Fraud Economic and Cyber Crime 2023 – 2028.

24. **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR ECONOMIC AND CYBER CRIME**

The Board received a presentation outlining the strategic communications and engagement plan for economic and cybercrime.

25. **GUILDHALL YARD EAST DECANT**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor regarding the Guildhall Yard East Decant.

26. **SALISBURY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor regarding the Salisbury Square Development.

27. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

28. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 13:43

Chairman

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