

POLICE COMMITTEE

Friday, 24 May 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 24 May 2013 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow (Deputy Chairman)
Simon Duckworth
Alderman Alison Gowman
Brian Harris
Vivienne Littlechild
Alderman Ian Luder
Helen Marshall
Deputy Joyce Nash
Don Randall
Deputy Richard Regan

Officers:

Xanthe Couture	- Town Clerk's Department
Alex Orme	- Town Clerk's Department
Ignacio Falcon	- Town Clerk's Department
Nagina Kayani	- Equalities and Diversity Manager
Suzanne Jones	- Chamberlain's Department
Steve Telling	- Chamberlain's Department

City of London Police:

Adrian Leppard	- Commissioner
Ian Dyson	- Assistant Commissioner
Eric Nisbett	- Director of Corporate Services
Hayley Williams	- Chief of Staff
Stephen Head	- Commander, Economic Crime

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy Keith Knowles.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ORDERS OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Committee received the Orders of the Court of Common Council of 25 April 2013 appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.29. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Deputy Henry Pollard, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year and took the chair.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Deputy Doug Barrow, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

a) **The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 12 April 2013 were agreed.**

Matters Arising:-

(Item 4) Community Engagement Update

The Town Clerk confirmed that an updated list of the Police engagement teams had been circulated to Members. It was noted that the information would also be updated on the City of London Police (CoLP) website, including photographs and contact details of relevant Police Officers.

(Item 8) Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act – Collaboration Agreement

The Town Clerk informed that the Comptroller & City Solicitor was settling suitable terms for the collaboration agreement to be established between the City Police and Metropolitan Police as part of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA). One issue which had arisen recently was the need to bed down the governance of the agreement, which should, in the City's case, include the requirement that the Commissioner would report on the operation of this and other agreements at least once a year. It was proposed that this be set out in a letter from the Comptroller to MOPAC, also outlining the expectation that they would establish similar arrangements to comply with s22c of the Police Act 1996. The Committee endorsed this approach.

Item 9 – COTAG Passes

The Town Clerk provided an update on COTAG passes explaining that the messages they contained on the reverse relating to access to incident sites had been superseded by modern incident-management arrangements. The Commissioner undertook to work with the Town Clerk to ensure that the passes featured the appropriate information.

b) **The public minutes and summary of the Professional Standards and Complaints Sub-Committee held on 12 April 2013 were received.**

c) **Outstanding references**

East Coast Information Services (ECIS)

The Director of Corporate Services informed the Committee that there had been difficulties in the negotiations to join the East Coast Information Services (ECIS) which meant that the City Police was no longer in a position to join. He advised the Committee that he was now working with the Chamberlain to consider future options for the upgrade of the IT service.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES, ECONOMIC CRIME BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk setting out the appointment of the Committee's two Sub Committees and Economic Crime Board. This included the election of Chairmen, composition, terms of reference and appointment to internal and external bodies.

RESOLVED – That:-

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

Economic Crime Board

Mark Boleat
Simon Duckworth
Brian Harris
Helen Marshall
Deputy Richard Regan
Alderman Neil Redcliffe (co-opted Member)

Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee

Alderman Alison Gowman
Vivienne Littlechild
Helen Marshall
Deputy Joyce Caruthers Nash
Deputy Richard Regan
A co-opted Member to be agreed by the Membership of the Sub-Committee.

Performance and Resource Management Sub-Committee

Deputy Douglas Barrow
Alderman Alison Gowman
Deputy Keith Knowles
Alderman Ian Luder
Kenneth Ludlam (co-opted Member)
Don Randall

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

Economic Crime Board
Simon Duckworth

Professional Standards and Integrity Sub-Committee
Deputy Joyce Caruthers Nash

Performance and Resource Management Sub-Committee
Deputy Douglas Barrow

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

Streets and Walkways Sub Committee
Alderman Alison Gowman

Safer City Partnership
Deputy Henry Pollard

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners
Simon Duckworth

8. **SPECIAL INTEREST AREA SCHEME 2013/14**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner of Police setting out proposed arrangements and appointments for the Police Committee Special Interest Area (SIA) Scheme for 2013/14. Members agreed the proposed changes which took account of the SIA Scheme priorities for 2013/2014 and were designed to distribute the Committee's workload more evenly amongst Members.

It was agreed that a Member would not be appointed to the City First area of the SIA Scheme, as it was now in the implementation phase.

RESOLVED – That:-

(a) the achievements set out in the respective area reports for the year 2012/13 be noted, and the key priorities identified for the year 2013/14; and

(b) lead Members be appointed for the below areas in the Scheme as follows:-

Business Improvement and Performance Management - Deputy Doug Barrow

Professional Standards and Integrity - Deputy Joyce Caruthers Nash

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights - Alderman Alison Gowman

Counter Terrorism - Simon Duckworth

Strategic Policing Requirement Overview - Henry Pollard

Economic Crime / Fraud - Simon Duckworth

Accommodation - Keith Knowles

Community Engagement – Vivienne Littlechild

Public Order and Road Safety - Alderman Alison Gowman

Independent Custody Visiting Panel – Vivienne Littlechild

Anti-Social Behaviour – Don Randall

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

a) **Community Engagement Update**

The Committee received a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner which provided an update on recent community engagement activities, community priorities and forthcoming events.

It was noted that the Baroness Thatcher’s funeral was successful in terms of the security arrangements and business engagement. It was agreed that in future a debrief will take place in order to ensure best practices are carried forward and issues resolved.

In addition, the response to the Woolwich incident tested the CoLP engagement strategy, which proved to be fast and efficient in communicating the appropriate messaging.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and its content noted.

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

The Equality and Diversity Manager advised of the good progress being made in the area, and that a second training session would be scheduled with the Town Clerk. It was agreed an update report would follow.

Alderman Gowman, the Committee’s Lead Member on EDHR, provided an update to the Committee on a recent session that she had attended at the Home Office concerning the role of the police in dealing with detainees who required medical and mental health care.

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c) **Any Other Special Interest Area Updates**

There were no other reports.

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

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk providing an update on the work of the City of London's Independent Visiting Custody Scheme (ICV).

Deputy Nash, the Lead Member in 2012/13, commented that one of the issues regularly raised at Panel meetings was the ease of access to the Custody Suite. The Panel's preference was for visitors to go to suites unaccompanied and to ensure that they were not being delayed so as to maximise the purpose of their visits. The Commander explained that immediate access was not always possible owing in order to guarantee the safety, the Panel was currently seeking clarification about their rights of access and for the Force to standardise access arrangements.

Clare Chadwick and Greg Moore were thanked for their work in supporting the work of the ICV Panel over the past year and Peter Tihanyi was thanked for his work as Chairman of the ICV Panel.

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11. CITY OF LONDON POLICE - ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner submitting the Force's draft Annual Report for comments. The Annual Report was the publication that set out the achievements of the City of London Police for the past financial year.

The Commissioner highlighted that the report was in draft form and that minor changes to wording, listing appropriate representatives and information were being considered. As such, any comments and changes from Members were to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Department by 3 June 2013.

Members noted that an amendment would be made to total expenditure figures in regards to outturn in 2011/12 and the latest approved budget.

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12. FEES AND CHARGES 2013/14

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner seeking approval for the schedule of fees and charges for the financial year 2013/14.

Approval was also sought for the continued use of the same hourly charge rates for the private services of the Police which were calculated by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), and the adoption of the schedule of rates determined by the MPS for the provision of non-competitive market activities. Members noted that these charges had increased since 2012/2013 to take account of changes to Policy Pay and Conditions.

The Director of Corporate Services provided assurance to Members that the charges set out would cover the Force's costs.

RESOLVED – That:-

a) appendix 1 of the report be agreed, thereby giving explicit approval to the continued use of the hourly charge rates for the private services of the Police as calculated by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS);

b) appendix 2 to the report be agreed, thereby implementing the schedule of rates for the provision of market non-competitive activities and agreeing to follow the MPS scale of charges for 2013/14; and,

c) appendix 3 in relation to miscellaneous Force fees and charges be agreed.

13. RING OF STEEL - VISION AND ASPIRATIONS - UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner providing an overview of the history, vulnerabilities and aspirations for the future of the 'Ring of Steel', which provided protection and reassurance to those who resided, visited and worked in the City of London.

The Commissioner stated the current system was outdated, with far better technology available such as a CCTV and ANPR system. A Programme Board and Project Team had been set up which was a partnership between the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police (CoLP), to explore options for the future.

Members noted that although the project costs may be high, the results would be beneficial with City businesses supportive of the additional security. In addition, improved CCTV quality monitoring would assist in successfully prosecuting more crimes and would help increase victim satisfaction.

The timescale for the project could take longer than original estimates, due to the requirements to work alongside privacy regulations and many stakeholders. The Commissioner undertook to keep Members up to date as the project developed, which included soft market testing with City of London procurement over the summer of 2013.

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

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill Report

A Member queried whether a report would be submitted by the Remembrancer with details of the impact of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, recently referenced in the Queen's Speech. The Town Clerk undertook to liaise with the Remembrancer to ensure a report was presented to Committee in due course.

Domestic Abuse Report

The Chairman asked the Commissioner what mechanisms were in place to respond to the occurrences of domestic abuse. The Commissioner explained that the Force was a centre of excellence in this area with a high number of

cases resulting in judicial process and a multi-agency approach considered a gold standard for other Forces throughout the UK.

A Member commented that the Safer City Partnership was active in this field, with domestic abuse and violence against young women and children being one of their key priorities for 2011-14. The Safer City Partnership provided a toolkit to City businesses to educate on the potential for incidences of domestic abuse amongst their employees. The Equality and Diversity Advisor also commented that LGBT Liaison Officers worked in this field on incidences related to same-sex domestic abuse.

The Chairman requested that a joint report from the Safer City Partnership and the Police be submitted to this Committee outlining the services provided to victims of domestic abuse.

Accumulated Leave Strategy

A Member expressed concern about policing officers accumulating high levels of outstanding leave and thus being able to retire at short notice once they reached 30 years' service. The Assistant Commissioner commented that there was a detailed piece of work being conducted and that there was evidence that a historic problem was now being addressed.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

The Chairman agreed to one item of urgent business being considered:-

Mutual Aid – Collaboration

The Town Clerk was heard in connection with the Force's upcoming provision of mutual aid to the Police Service of Northern Ireland, which involved the deployment of thirty City Police officers between the 10th and 20th of June to support heightened security requirements and respond to potential protest groups at the G8 summit in Enniskillen.

The Commissioner had accepted the invitation issued by ACPO and one of the issues to resolve concerned the arrangement for dealing with any potential complaints which may arise as a result of the operations. The Home Office wrote to all PCCs, MOPAC and the City Corporation proposing that the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland be placed in charge of the investigation all relevant complaints, which was preferable from a logistical perspective. The Committee was therefore requested to approve an agreement under section 60 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 between the City of London Corporation and the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland. A draft agreement had already been drafted and reviewed by the Comptroller & City Solicitor

RESOLVED – That:-

- a) an agreement under section 60 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 between the City of London Corporation and the Police Ombudsman for

Northern Ireland to allow the latter to be placed in charge of the investigation all relevant complaints arising from the G8 police operations be approved; and

- b) the Comptroller & City Solicitor be instructed to draw up and sign the necessary paperwork.

Dates 2013/14

The Town Clerk undertook to circulate the revised meeting dates for 2013/14 as well as other key dates such as Commendation ceremonies, etc.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Exempt Paragraphs</u>
17	1 & 3
18	1, 2 & 7

17. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

- a) **The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2013 were approved.**

- b) **The non-public minutes of the meeting of the Professional Standards and Complaints Sub-Committee held on 12 April 2013 were received.**

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 urgent items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.55 pm

Chairman

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