

POLICE COMMITTEE

Friday, 31 October 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)	Deputy Keith Knowles, MBE
Deputy Douglas Barrow (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman Ian Luder
Mark Boleat	Vivienne Littlechild
Simon Duckworth	Deputy Joyce Nash
Lucy Frew	Deputy Richard Regan OBE
Alderman Alison Gowman	

Officers:

Christopher Braithwaite	Town Clerk's Department
James Goodsell	Town Clerk's Department
Alex Orme	Town Clerk's Department
Steve Telling	Chamberlain
Doug Wilkinson	Department of the Built Environment

City of London Police:

Adrian Leppard	Commissioner of the City of London Police
Ian Dyson	Assistant Commissioner
Eric Nisbett	Director of Corporate Services
Hayley Williams	Chief of Staff

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Helen Marshall, Don Randall, Commander Head and Suzanne Jones.

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 **RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 be approved.**

Matters arising

Item 6 – Equality, Diversity and Human Rights (EDHR) – Verbal Update

It was explained that written reports would be provided on a quarterly basis, with oral updates to the other meetings. The first quarterly report would be submitted to the January 2015 meeting of the Committee.

- 3.2 **RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Economic Crime Board of the Police Committee held on 5 September 2014 be received.**
- 3.3 **RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee held on 22 September 2014 be received.**
- 3.4 **RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Performance and Resource Management Sub Committee held on 26 September 2014 be received.**

Matters arising

Item 5 - HMIC Inspection Update 2014-15

A Member of the Sub-Committee noted that the deadline for submitting many of the items for the HMIC Inspection was 31st October 2014 and asked whether there had been any issues with submitting this information. The Assistant Commissioner explained that there had been no issues with the submission and a briefing paper would be circulated to Members on the outcome of the inspection in due course.

A Member explained that she had not yet received an invitation to accompany officers on patrol to experience how Stop and Search was implemented. The Assistant Commissioner explained that it was still intended to invite Committee Members to these opportunities, but this had not yet happened.

Membership of Sub-Committee

The Chairman explained that there remained one vacancy on the Membership of the Sub-Committee and asked any Members interested in serving on the Sub-Committee to contact the Policy Officer.

4. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

The list of outstanding references was noted.

Barbican Highwalk CCTV

The Committee conducted a detailed discussion of the issue of provision of CCTV on the Barbican Highwalk. It was noted that this Committee needed to consider this issue from a public safety perspective. There were significant public safety concerns regarding the Highwalk in the wake of a number of recent incidents, and the Highwalk was a public highway and therefore the responsibility of the City as a whole to ensure that it was made safe for the

public, rather than being solely the responsibility of the Barbican Centre. It was also noted that the Highwalk was the largest area of the City without significant CCTV coverage. However, it was also noted that it was vital that the City took a consistent approach to public safety at all residential estates across the City and should not be seen to be providing preferential treatment to the Barbican Estate.

Members discussed proposals to ensure that there was CCTV coverage at all entrances and exits to the Highwalk. It was also noted that there was currently a development application for the property at 21 Moorfields, which was ideally placed to provide CCTV coverage of an entrance to the Highwalk. The Committee therefore discussed and resolved that a resolution should be put to the Planning and Transportation Committee that:

“The Police Committee requests that the Planning and Transportation Committee, during their consideration of the development application in relation to 21 Moorfields, gives consideration to including a planning condition such that any planning consent which may be granted is contingent upon the development providing sufficient CCTV coverage of the nearby entrances to the Barbican Highwalk on the grounds that this would have a significant benefit to public safety.”

The Assistant Director of Street Scene and Strategy explained that this issue had evolved into a significant area of work and it was intended that a full investigation of the issues would be undertaken, including consultation with residents, with the intention to present a proposed solution to the Committee at its meeting in March 2015.

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights – Eid event

Members discussed the recent event to celebrate Eid and asked how the guest list had been compiled as it did not appear that the invitation list was exactly as would have been desired. The Commissioner explained that this had been arranged in cooperation with the Remembrancer’s Department, but in future the process for arranging this event would be brought in line with that used by Remembrancer’s for all other City events to ensure an appropriate guest list.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- a) notes the report;
- b) requests that the Planning and Transportation Committee, during their consideration of the development application in relation to 21 Moorfield’s, gives consideration to including a planning condition such that any planning consent which may be granted is contingent upon the development providing sufficient CCTV coverage of the nearby entrances to the Barbican Highwalk on the grounds that this would have a significant benefit to public safety;
- c) requests that a proposed solution for the issue of CCTV coverage of the Barbican Highwalk to guarantee public safety is submitted to the March 2015 meeting of the Committee;

5.1 **Community Engagement Update**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police concerning details of issues raised at Ward level and the Forces response since the last Community Engagement report.

20mph Speed Limit

The Committee noted the number of drivers that had been stopped for travelling in excess of the 20mph speed limit and a Member queried whether any buses had been stopped. The Commissioner explained that he was not aware of the number of buses that had been stopped but would work with Transport for London to ensure that buses complied with the speed limit.

The Committee asked whether there was any indication of the impact of the reduction in the speed limit. The Commissioner explained that it was too soon to assess the impact of the speed limit reduction in terms of changes to the number and type of incident and it would be difficult to assess this impact until the medium-term due to the relatively small number of incidents in the City. He also cautioned that it may not be possible to attribute any change in the number of incidents solely to the change in the speed limit as there would be a large number of contributing factors.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5.2 **Any Other Special Interest Area Updates**

There were no updates from Special Interest Areas.

6. **ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain which provided an update on the progress of the accommodation programme.

The Director of Corporate Services explained that the accommodation programme had developed since the initial agreement by the Committee as the accommodation programme had been used as a driver for wider transformation within the Police to ensure that it was fully equipped as a 21st century police force.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

A Member asked whether there were any issues which the Committee should be aware of in relation to the Lord Mayor's Show. The Commissioner explained that there were no significant issues and he would supply Members with a briefing note regarding the Police's float at the Show.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

9. 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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

10.1 **RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the Police Committee meeting held 16 September 2014 be approved.**

10.2 **RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the Economic Crime Board meeting held on 5 September 2014 be received.**

10.3 **RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee meeting held on 22 September 2014 be received.**

11. 65 BASSINGHALL STREET

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided information regarding the proposed use of 65a Bassinghall Street, which was currently vacant.

12. MOBILE WORKING SERVICES- UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided an update in relation to the Mobile Working Services Project.

13. REQUEST FOR PRIVATE MEDICAL FUNDING

This item was withdrawn.

14. WAIVER REPORT - MEDIA PLANNING AND BUYING FOR PROJECT SERVATOR

The Committee considered and noted a report of the Commissioner of Police in relation to media planning and buying for Project Servator.

15. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

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

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

There was one question in relation to European Arrest Warrants.

17. 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 1.00 pm

Chairman

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