

POLICE COMMITTEE
Friday, 16 January 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 16 January 2015 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow (Deputy Chairman)
Mark Boleat
Simon Duckworth
Alderman Alison Gowman
Deputy Keith Knowles
Alderman Ian Luder
Vivienne Littlechild
Helen Marshall
Deputy Joyce Nash
Don Randall

Officers:

John Barradell	Town Clerk & Chief Executive
Alex Orme	Town Clerk's Department
Katie Odling	Town Clerk's Department
Michael Cogher	Comptroller & City Solicitor
Steve Telling	Chamberlain's Department
Karen Wilson	City Surveyor's Department
Paul Double	Remembrancer
Sam Cook	Remembrancer's Department
Chrissie Morgan	Director of Human Resources
Doug Wilkinson	Department of the Built Environment

City of London Police:

Ian Dyson	Assistant Commissioner
Eric Nisbett	Director of Corporate Services
Commander Stephen Head	Commander, Economic Crime
Commander Wayne Chance	Commander, Operations
Hayley Williams	Chief of Staff

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Lucy Frew, Deputy Richard Regan and Adrian Leppard (Commissioner).

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES -**

1a. **RESOLVED - That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 8 December 2014 be approved**

2a. **RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Economic Crime Board meeting held on 13 November 2014 be noted**

3a. **RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Performance and Resource Management Sub Committee held on 4 December 2014 be noted**

4a. **Outstanding References**

Delivery of Police Uniform – Members were informed that the original expected date for the delivery of items was the third week of January 2015; however, the Force had been notified that this had now slipped to 23rd March due to manufacturing and shipping issues. In light of the delay, the Force was in discussion with City of London Procurement and City Solicitors regarding the contract and costs.

Delivery and distribution - It was proposed initially to distribute the new uniform to officers within the Uniform Policing, Information & Intelligence, Specials and ACPO Directorates; this would be to approximately 460 officers. The remaining uniform would then be stored at Bishopgate and distributed to the other Directorates in slower time over the next year or on a needs basis if required more urgently.

Members noted that the process proposed for distribution of the uniform was:

- A. Delivery of all garments to a central location which has sufficient space to;
 - i) Accommodate all of the garments
 - ii) Allow for initial inspection of the garments
 - iii) Verify delivery to order
 - iv) Separation of the garments into size ranges.
- B. Pack the garments into named individual kit bags for each officer against historic size data.
- C. Distribution of garments to officer's work place.

The present timeframe from delivery to completion of main distribution is for twelve weeks.

Resolution to the Planning and Transportation Committee – 21 Moorfields

Members were informed that the Planning and Transportation Committee had agreed that upon consideration of the development application in relation to 21 Moorfields they would consider the inclusion a planning condition such that any planning consent which may be granted was 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.

5. **COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SECURITY BILL**

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer which advised of the relevant provisions of the Counter Terrorism and Security Bill.

RESOLVED – That the report be referred to the Town Clerk, Commissioner of the City of London Police and the Director of Community and Children’s Services for consideration of follow-up action required in the light of the Bill.

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

1a. **Community Engagement Update**

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided details of issues raised at Ward Level and the Force response since the last report was presented.

The Commander of Operations provided Members with a brief update in relation to the engagement approach following the recent attack in Paris.

Members discussed the issue of fraud and the importance of being aware of what was disclosed on social media websites.

The Committee complimented the work of both the Community Engagement team and the Cadets.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

2a. **Equality Diversity and Human Rights (EDHR) Update**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police on matters relating to the Equality, Diversity and Human Rights (EDHR) Portfolio.

One Member commented that the report was very helpful in terms of providing details of information on activities, however, suggested it would be useful to have some information regarding any areas of concern. In addition, Members suggested that key Establishment committee reports should be submitted to the Police Committee so that Members are sighted on significant staff issues.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. **REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2015/16 AND DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UP TO 2017/18**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Commissioner of Police which provided details of the Revenue and Capital Budget for 2015/16 and the draft Medium Term Financial plan for the period to 2017/18.

Members noted that a number of risks had been built into the plan including the assumption that there would be no increase in the Business Rate Premium. One Member expressed a view that the Business Rate should not be raised; however this matter would be discussed in more detail by the Finance Committee.

Members acknowledged the financial challenges that the Force was facing and noted the options on page 31 of the report that may be required to eliminate the underlying revenue deficits from 2016 onwards.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) the latest forecast outturn for 2014/15 be noted;
- b) the revenue budget for 2015/16 be approved and submitted to the Finance Committee;
- c) the capital budget for 2015/16 be approved; and
- d) the indicative forecasts for 2016/17 and 2017/18 together with the proposal to report back to Committee before the summer recess setting out a financial strategy to maintain a minimum general reserve balance of £4m over the period to 2017/18 be noted.

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

There were no questions.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

10. 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.

11. MINUTES -

- 1a. **RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 8 December 2014 be approved**
- 2a. **RESOLVED - That the Non Public Minutes of the Economic Crime Board held on 13 November 2014 be received**
- 3a. **RESOLVED - That the non-public Minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee held on 21 November 2014 be received**

12. 42 NORTH ROAD - POLICE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of Police concerning 42 North Road.

13. ANNUAL REVIEW OF TRAVEL CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of Police concerning the annual review of Travel Concession Agreement for Regular Police Officers.

14. BERNARD MORGAN HOUSE - DECLARATION OF SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding Bernard Morgan House.

15. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

The Assistant Commissioner of police was heard concerning on-going and successful operations undertaken by the City of London Police which included an overview of the impact of the recent events in Paris on policing in the City of London.

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

There were no questions.

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.

18. SUCCESSION PLANNING - RETENTION PAYMENT

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding succession planning.

The meeting ended at 1.15 pm

Chairman

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