

**POLICE COMMITTEE**  
**Friday, 25 September 2015**

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 25 September 2015 at 11.00 am

**Present**

**Members:**

Deputy Henry Pollard (Chairman)  
Mark Boleat  
Simon Duckworth  
Lucy Frew  
Alderman Alison Gowman  
Vivienne Littlechild  
Helen Marshall  
Deputy Joyce Nash  
Deputy Richard Regan  
Lucy Sandford  
Deputy James Thomson

**Officers:**

Alex Orme	Policy Officer
Katie Odling	Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	The Chamberlain
Steve Telling	Chamberlain's Department
Doug Wilkinson	Department of the Built Environment
Philip Saunders	

**City of London Police:**

Ian Dyson	Assistant Commissioner
Hayley Williams	Chief of Staff
Eric Nisbett	Director of Corporate Services

**The Chairman opening remarks**

The Chairman expressed thanks to Mr Stephen Head who left the City of London Police on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

He also expressed thanks to Mr Eric Nisbett who would be leaving the City of London police on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Mrs Littlechild would be stepping down from the Committee and he expressed thanks to her for all her work in relation to Professional Standards, anti-social behaviour and community engagement and also the Independent Custody Visitors Scheme.

Thanks were expressed to James Goodsell who supported the Committee on Policy matters. James recently left the Corporation to take up a post at the British Standards Institute.

The Chairman congratulated Katie Odling who had recently been attested as a City of London Police Special Constable.

Finally, the Chairman welcomed Chris Greany who would be joining the City of London Police on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September as Commander, Economic Crime.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Doug Barrow, Alderman Ian Luder, Commissioner Leppard and Commander Wayne Chance.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2015 be approved.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

RESOLVED – That the list of outstanding references be approved.

**Road Safety** – The Committee were informed that the report concerning Road Safety had been deferred to the 5 November 2015 Police Committee meeting. This report would provide clarification around the work undertaken to date and plans to progress the project.

**20MPH** - As part of the Road Danger Reduction Plan, Members noted that a separate report would be submitted to the Police Committee for information specifically about the 20MPH speed limits in the City.

**Barbican CCTV** – Members were informed that Officers were working with the Planning department regarding the construction requirements for the installation of the CCTV.

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

1a. **Equality & Inclusion**

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided and update on key Equality, Diversity and Inclusion related activities conducted by the Force since the previous meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **2a. Community Engagement Update**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided details of issues raised by the community and the force response, since the last update in July 2015.

Members discussed the importance of publicising the work of the Force and it was agreed to circulate information on community engagement activity via the Members' briefing.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **3a. Any Other Special Interest Area Updates**

There were no updates.

### **6. PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES BILL**

The Committee received a report of the Remembrancer regarding the Psychoactive Substance Bill which seeks to tackle the growing use of 'legal highs' by criminalising their production and supply.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

### **7. COST OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND TOBACCO CONTROL**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding the Integrated Substance Misuse and Smoking Cessation services.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided an update on the current position regarding the management of health and safety within the City of London Police.

The Director of Corporate Services informed Members that the Force was planning to move to the accident and near miss reporting system that was currently being trialled in some departments of the Corporation of London. Members noted that the number of near misses reported have remained at a consistent level. One Member commented on the apparent low number of RIDDORs reported and the Force undertook to provide a note to Members once further research had been carried out.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

### **9. ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES 2015 - 2016**

The Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of Police which sought approval to the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the financial year 2015/2016, in accordance with Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) the Special Services of Police Charges 2015/16 detailed at Appendix 1 be approved, thereby giving explicit approval to the continuing use of the hourly charge rates for Private Services provided by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).
- b) the General Fees and Charges detailed at Appendix 2 be approved, hereby implementing the schedule of rates for the provision of market non-competitive activities, and in particular agree to follow the MPS scale of charges for 2015/16.

**10. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain and Commissioner of Police regarding the Medium Term Financial Plan

The Committee agreed that a breakfast workshop regarding the Medium Term Financial Plan would be welcome and Members should be given the opportunity to discuss the future of the City of London Police. Members noted that this was a period of great uncertainty for the Force in light of the review of the funding formula and the different kind of police work conducted by the City of London Police in comparison to other forces, focusing as it did on the physical and financial security of the businesses of the City. A Member also indicated that it may be time to reconsider an increase to the Business Rates Premium.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**11. CITY OF LONDON POLICE: RISK REGISTER**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the risk register.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

**14. 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.

**15. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2015 be approved.

16. **MOUNTED BRANCH**

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided an update regarding the funding and accommodation for the Mounted Branch.

17. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE UNIFORM UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police which provided an update regarding the City of London Police Uniform.

18. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

The Assistant 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 items of urgent business.

21. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2015 be approved.

**The meeting ended at 1.00 pm**

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Chairman

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