

ONE SAFE CITY PROGRAMME WORKING PARTY

Friday, 28 October 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the One Safe City Programme Working Party held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth
Marianne Fredericks
Jeremy Mayhew
Graham Packham
Jeremy Simons
Richard Woolford, Commander City of London Police
Peter Lisley, Assistant Town Clerk

Officers:

Chris Butler, Programme Manager
John Awosoga, Programme office
David Calver, Programme Office
Gary Griffin, Programme Office
Clement La Touché, Programme Office
Dele Shoneye, Programme Office
Pauline Weaver, City of London Police
Angela Roach, Principal Committee and Members Services Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mark Boleat, Gareth Moore and James Thomson.

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

There were declarations.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Working Party proceeded to elect a Chairman. Simon Duckworth being the only Member indicating his willingness to serve was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the composition and terms of reference of the Working Party.

RESOLVED – that the composition of the Working Party be noted and that its terms of reference be as follows:-

To provide oversight and scrutiny for the One Safe City Programme and its constituent projects by:-

- Ensuring that the Programme is managed and focuses on the delivery of agreed outcomes and benefits;
- Providing a cross-cutting overview of emerging priorities and strategic themes related to the One Safe City Programme;
- Providing advice on the potential of individual (existing or new) projects to contribute to the delivery of the One Safe City Programme; and
- Ensuring that decision making committees of the City of London Corporation and City of London Police are fully aware of the impact other projects and programmes might have on the delivery of the One Safe City Programme.

5. **PRESENTATIONS ON THE ONE SAFE CITY PROGRAMME**

The Working Party received the following presentations from officers on the One Safe City Programme (OSCP):-

5a. Concept and Approach

Members of the Working Party were reminded of the reason for creating the Working Party and were advised that its primary purpose would be to act a sounding board and challenge panel for the OSCP and the various projects contained within it. It would also assist with the prioritisation of the Programme's projects. It was noted that, given the practical issues of delivering the OSCP, it was important to ensure that the various services associated with community safety were joined up and that the City Corporation and the City of London Police were also joined up in order to deliver successful outcomes.

Reference was made to the challenges associated with some of the projects and it was noted that in terms of funding, where appropriate, the aim would be to seek external funding to support them.

5b. The Programme and what it will Deliver

The OSCP Manager highlighted the three principal projects which sat within the Programme, the Ring of Steel, Safer Communities and Joint Contact and Control Room (JCCR) and the milestones associated with delivering them. He explained that the projects were integrated and formed part of the City Corporation's ambitions for a superfast, safer City.

A Member referred to the length of time it was anticipated it would take to complete the Ring of Steel and, given its importance, he questioned whether it could be completed sooner. Reference was also made to how this might be perceived following the recent increase in the business rate premium which was used to fund additional security measures. The Working Party was advised

that the Ring of Steel was dependent on the completion of a number of related projects and therefore it would be difficult to bring forward the completion date without it having a knock-on effect on the other projects.

Discussion ensued on the JCCR. Members noted that the aim of this project was to bring together the City Corporation's contact centre with the City of London Police's control room. The benefits this would bring were also noted. The Working Party was advised that the contact centre did not receive enough calls to warrant a 24 hour service however the control room needed to be a 24 hour concern. The aim was to deliver a joint, 24 hour, service with the two teams co-located at Bishopsgate. A Member queried whether officers would need to identify who should lead the joint venture, the City Corporation or the Police. Members were advised that whilst it was not necessary to identify a lead, there were some activities that by its nature would have to be led by the City of London Police.

5c. Benefits

The Working Party noted that apart from the JCCR delivering a 24 hour service, other benefits of a collaborative Programme included savings both cash and non-cash, a more efficient way of working and better customer, victim and witness care.

Members were provided with more detail of the improvements to the RS and the benefits it would bring. It was noted that the current RS would be replaced with a new system which took full advantage of new technology. CCTV on the streets and on the river would be upgraded with cameras with increased coverage. Footage would be such that it could be shared more widely with City Corporation departments to address other operational problems.

The Working Party also noted the plans to improve community engagement by, working more collaboratively, the introduction of neighbourhood watch groups, the introduction of community wardens to work alongside Special Police Officers and pursuing formal accreditation for activities through the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme.

The Working Party noted that a new Specials Commander was due to be appointed and that part of that role would be to look at the allocation of duties and how they could be undertaken more efficiently. In conclusion Members were also taken through a number of scenarios involving the local community and how those situations would be dealt with in future when all the projects associated with the OSCP were completed.

6. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE WORKING PARTY

There were no questions.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman referred to the frequency at which the Working Party would need to meet and suggested that it meet on a quarterly basis with next meeting

taking place late January/early February 2017. Members supported his suggestion.

RESOLVED – that the Working Party meet on a quarterly basis with next meeting taking place late January/early February 2017.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Chairman

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