

Committee:	Date:
Police Committee	15 December 2016
Subject: Decisions taken under Delegated Authority or Urgency since the last meeting of the Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk under delegated authority or urgency since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

A decision was taken to approve, under the Business Travel Scheme, the Chairman's travel to New York to attend the Financial Crimes and Cybersecurity Symposium on 16 and 17 November 2016. As this decision involved the Chairman's travel, the Town Clerk consulted with the Deputy Chairman and the past Chairman (Simon Duckworth) prior to taking the decision.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Request for the Chairman of the Police Committee to attend the Financial Crimes and Cybersecurity Symposium (16-17 November 2016) in New York

Background

1. The Chairman of the Police Committee was invited by the New York County District Attorney, Cy Vance, to attend the Global Cyber Alliance meeting and the Financial Crimes and Cybersecurity Symposium in New York from 16-17 November 2016.
2. The Alliance is a joint venture of the District Attorney, the City of London Police and the Centre for Internet Security. It was set up to tackle major cyber threats facing the UK, the US & the world by providing solutions that will help businesses and organisations protect their customers and the wider public. The Alliance serves as a critical partnership in tackling worldwide cybercrime. The Commissioner of the City of London Police is also due to attend the Symposium.
3. The event was a follow up to a joint meeting attended by New York's District Attorney at Guildhall in May 2016, during which the Alliance updated businesses on the work being undertaken to identify cyber threats as well as the measures being developed to tackle them. The Chairman's attendance at the event on 16-

17 November enabled the City Corporation to demonstrate that it was fully committed to the Alliance, ensured that the momentum for tackling fraud was maintained and enabled the Chairman to support and enhance his role as Chairman of the Police Committee by gaining first-hand knowledge of the work being done by Alliance.

4. The cost of trip, including flights and hotel, was £4,000 (plus any incidental expenses) and was met from the City of London Police's budget. In accordance with the City Corporation's Business Travel Scheme, this request for approval should have been considered by the Police Committee prior to arrangements being firmed up. However, due to an oversight, this did not happen. Retrospective approval was sought to the Chairman's overseas travel as most of the arrangements had already been booked at the time of this oversight being identified.
5. As this decision involved the Chairman's travel, the Town Clerk consulted with the Deputy Chairman and the past Chairman (Simon Duckworth) prior to taking the decision.

Reason for Urgency

6. The Symposium was due to take place on 16-17 November and the Police Committee was not due to meet again until 15 December 2016. Due to an oversight the requisite approval was not sought in a timely manner and therefore agreement was sought under the urgency procedures.

Action Taken

7. Following consultation with the Deputy Chairman and past Chairman (Simon Duckworth), the Town Clerk granted retrospective to the Chairman of the Police Committee to attend the Financial Crimes and Cybersecurity Symposium in New York from 16-17 November 2016.

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