

ECONOMIC CRIME BOARD OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 24 January 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Crime Board of the Police Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth (Chairman)
Nicholas Bensted-Smith

Helen Marshall
Deputy Henry Pollard (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Amanda Thompson	-	Town Clerk's Department
Commander Chris Greany	-	City of London Police
Craig Spencer	-	Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy Douglas Barrow, Deputy Richard Regan and Deputy Tom Sleigh.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 22 July 2016 were approved.

4. ECONOMIC CRIME VICTIM CARE UNIT - PRESENTATION

This item was deferred until the next meeting as the presenter was unable to attend.

5. NATIONAL LEAD FORCE: APRIL-NOVEMBER 2016 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police summarising the quantitative and qualitative performance of the Force as the National Lead Force for Fraud during the period April – November 2016/17.

The Commander was heard in support of the report and proceeded to take Members through the various elements of the paper. He made reference to the 10% reduction in the number of crimes disseminated to Police and advised that this did not mean that the Police were doing less, but instead was a reflection of the need to improve the quality of reporting and judgements.

In response to a question concerning whether or not Police forces could be encouraged to put more resources into increasing the number of prosecutions, the Commander advised that the support of the Home Office would be required to achieve this but he would aim to do this.

In relation to the customer satisfaction figures for Action Fraud victim complaints, for which 126 complaints had been received, the Commander advised that although the majority of these related to lack of investigation they were still dependent on people being willing to provide relevant information in the surveys which was not always achieved.

In response to a question asking if more demographic data could be provided, for example the number of victims of each type of crime, the Commander advised that he could provide the National Fraud Statistics which included this information, including profiles for all forces in relation to the number of victims, referrals, reports, age group and outcomes. It was further suggested that at least 3 years worth of reports would enable worthwhile comparisons to be made.

The Commander reported that there had been a 31% increase in the number of courses and a 32% increase in course delegates compared with the same period in the previous year. Delegate satisfaction remained high although some feedback had indicated that delegates were being sent on courses below their level of expertise and work was being undertaken to address this.

The Board sought further clarification on some of the key performance indicators and it was agreed that in order to give a more accurate position the table should include the rationale as well as any mitigating actions.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted

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

There were no questions.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Helen Marshall

The Board was advised that this was Helen's Marshall's last meeting as her term of office was due to come to an end in May 2017.

On behalf of the Board the Chairman expressed sincere thanks to Helen for her invaluable hard work and commitment.

8. 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 I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2016 were approved.

10. **ECONOMIC CRIME ACADEMY UPDATE**

The Board considered a report concerning the progress of the Economic Crime Academy (ECA).

11. **RESTRICTED ACTIVITY UPDATE**

The Board noted a report of the Commissioner of Police updating it on the activities of the City of London Police in its capacity a National Lead Force.

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

There were no non-public questions.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

The meeting closed at time not specified

Chairman

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