

POLICE COMMITTEE
Thursday, 1 November 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 1 November 2018 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Douglas Barrow (Chairman)
Deputy James Thomson (Deputy Chairman)
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Tijs Broeke
Alderman Emma Edhem
Alderman Alison Gowman
Alderman Ian Luder
Andrew Lentin (External Member)
Deborah Oliver (External Member)
Deputy Henry Pollard

Officers:

John Barradell	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
David Drane	- City of London Police
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Richard Jeffrey	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Peter Kane	- Chamberlain
Martin Newton	- Town Clerk's Department
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police
Alex Orme	- Town Clerk's Department
Lee Presland	- City of London Police
Alistair Sutherland	- Assistant Commissioner, CoLP
Chandni Tanna	- Media Officer
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Simon Duckworth, Christopher Hayward, the Commissioner, Commander Baxter and Commander Gyford.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee noted that the confirmation of the public minutes of the Police Committee on 20 September 2018 would be deferred until agenda item 16.

On matters arising from those minutes, and in response to a question from a Member on item 11 relating to the equality and inclusion update, the Assistant Commissioner confirmed that he would update the Committee on recruitment following concern expressed by the National College of Policing on routes into policing and accessibility. The Chairman asked the Town Clerk to add this to the list of outstanding references.

The public minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee and the Police Pensions Board on 17 September and 3 October 2018 were received.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which set out outstanding references from previous meetings of the Committee.

A Member referred to the Police reply to the Government cycling consultation and the Town Clerk undertook to circulate the details to the Committee.

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5. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE MUSEUM GOVERNANCE: CLARIFICATION OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee considered the joint report of the Assistant Town Clerk and Culture Mile Director and the Commissioner on the City of London Police Museum and clarification of governance arrangements.

RESOLVED – That

- (a) the governance structure outlined in the report be approved, namely that the business strategy for the City of London Police Museum and the cost of the staffing, accommodation and business operations sit under the governance of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee for a period of three years (until 14 November 2021); and that ownership of the Museum collection, and costs pertaining to its rotation within the Museum and its conservation, as well as the recruitment of volunteers for Museum business, fall under the governance of the Police Committee;
- (b) delegated authority be approved for the Assistant Town Clerk and Culture Mile Director for the management and staffing of the Museum, and to the Commissioner, City of London Police, for the management of the Museum collection; and
- (c) the re-establishment of the officer-led Museum Board be approved (with representation from both departments) to manage the day-to-day

running of the Museum under the delegated authority approved above, noting major projects, expenditure, or changes to the running of the Museum business will be referred to the relevant committee(s) through the delegated Chief Officers, as appropriate.

6. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2018-19**

The Committee considered the report of the Commissioner on the annual review of fees and charges 2018/19.

The Deputy Chairman asked that the Committee receive a report back on details of what income is received from charges imposed. The Assistant Commissioner confirmed that fees and charges are levied in line with the policy, wherever it is felt appropriate to do so with full cost recovery whenever possible.

7. **RESOLVED** – That the charging policy and rates for 2018/19 be approved, with a report back to Members setting out details of a) what income is received where charges are imposed and b) where charges are not imposed, along with reasons for this.

7. **ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE CUSTODY OF VULNERABLE PERSONS (YOUNG PERSONS, CHILDREN AND MENTAL HEALTH)**

Members had before them the joint annual report by the Commissioner and the Town Clerk on custody of vulnerable persons.

A Member raised the issue of local authority transfer arrangements (paragraph 20) and the work burden arising from a child or young person living some distance from London. The Assistant Commissioner confirmed that the issue of overnight custody arrangements and limited availability of supervised care home accommodation in these circumstances was not new. In most cases, the person had to be detained in a cell due to alternatives not being available, although every effort is made to avoid this.

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8. **QUARTERLY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Committee considered the Commissioner's quarterly community engagement update.

Alderman Edhem joined the meeting at 11.20am.

The following matters were raised:-

- In response to a question from a Member on the community engagement review and IAG consultation it was noted that an update would be provided by the Commissioner.
- On anti-social behaviour (ASB), the Deputy Chairman said that he understood why this issue was not expressed as a priority in the Policing Plan but asked that the next review include details of how ASB was

being dealt with. It was noted that officers were aware of vulnerability issues relating to persons sleeping rough, with suitable help made available, and that where criminality was taking place, particularly with repeat offenders, appropriate enforcement measures were available and used. The Assistant Commissioner undertook to consider the ASB issue at the next Policing Plan workshop in December and provide further details of action taken at that workshop.

- Another Member also asked for details of the removal of the two established homeless encampments referred to in the paper and it was noted that this information would be circulated.

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9. **STOP AND SEARCH UPDATE - BEST USE OF STOP AND SEARCH AND REPORT ON THE REMOVAL OF MORE THAN JACKET, OUTER CLOTHING OR GLOVES (JOG) DURING STOP SEARCH**

The Committee considered the Commissioner's stop and search update. The following matters were raised:-

- The Chairman asked for an early update on the training roll-out progress. The Assistant Commissioner confirmed this would be available within the next few days.
- A Member raised the issue of additional analysis of data, to ensure the CoLP approach was proportionate, and put forward the view that an understanding of residential addresses of people stopped would be of use. It was noted that better 'identification' is happening and that a dedicated team fully consider the 'niche data' that is captured.
- The Assistant Commissioner confirmed that the intention of the training refresh was to eradicate any disproportionate use of stop and search and reduce the number of complaints being made, although it was noted that these were minimal.
- A Member raised the matter of community engagement patrols, whether businesses are being reached, and whether Members could assist in the dissemination of information. The Assistant Commissioner welcomed this offer.
- The Chairman advised the meeting that the Police would be able to provide some additional context on strip search information provided in the report. A Member asked that future details to the Committee also include comparison with other forces and suggested that graphics to highlight this would be useful.

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10. **CONGESTION MITIGATION: PARKING, TRAFFIC & CYCLING ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES**

The Director of the Built Environment reported on congestion mitigation.

The following matters were raised:-

- A Member asked that the department ensure that faded box junction and yellow line markings around the City be repainted where necessary. The Director of the Built Environment undertook to look into this requirement.
- In relation to accreditation to undertake cycling offences enforcement, the Committee was informed that the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) authority had been 'signed off' by the Commissioner.
- On vehicle loading times causing congestion, it was noted that the 40 minute period is part of a London-wide agreement and that this is being reviewed by the City in consultation with London Councils.

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11. **REVIEW OF POLICE AUTHORITY - RESOURCING AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Town Clerk reported on the review of the Policing authority – resourcing and governance arrangements.

The following matters were raised:-

- The Committee noted comments received from a Member regarding concern about the additional grade I post, given the current financial pressures, and whether another two posts were required to perform a function that he considered had normally worked well. The Committee noted the Chamberlain's response confirming his view that the proposals were appropriate.
- The role of other committees in governance of the CoLP was noted and a Member raised the issue of the Committee altering its title to the 'Police Authority Board'. Another Member questioned whether the Police Committee receive all relevant staffing information in view of its oversight terms of reference. The Town Clerk was asked to add the question of a future name change to the outstanding references report.
- Noted that spending in some areas may need to be increased where there was under resourcing.

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12. **SPECIAL INTEREST AREA UPDATES**

Deputy Henry Pollard reported to the Committee on the Strategic Policing Requirement Overview and confirmed that he was confident that in respect of

national threats across boundaries the Policing Plan actively addressed and was compliant in all relevant areas. In the new year any necessary adjustments would be made to the Plan to ensure it remained robust.

The Committee noted that the update from a Member on equality, diversity and human rights would be made at the January 2019 meeting.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

15. **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 remaining items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes, subject to an amendment, and the non public minutes of the Police Committee meeting on 20 September 2018 be confirmed and signed as correct.

The Committee also received the non public minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Sub Committee and the Police Pensions Board meetings on 17 September 2018 and 3 October 2018 respectively.

17. **GATEWAY 6 PROGRESS - ACTION AND KNOW FRAUD CENTRE - CONTRACT SERVICE**

The Committee considered the report of the Commissioner on Gateway 6 progress on the action and know fraud centre service contract.

18. **NON-PUBLIC SPECIAL INTEREST AREA UPDATES**

The Committee noted that earlier discussions at the meeting had already covered the verbal non public updates.

19. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

The Committee noted the Acting Commissioner's updates.

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

There were no questions.

21. **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.

22. **STAFFING**

With the agreement of the Chairman, the Committee received a confidential update on senior staffing roles.

The meeting ended at 12.40 pm

Chairman

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