

POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Thursday, 14 May 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Police Authority Board
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting on Thursday, 14 May 2020 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

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

City of London Police Authority:

Alex Orme	- Head of Police Authority Team
Oliver Bolton	- Deputy Head of Police Authority Team
Rachael Waldron	- Compliance Lead
Antoinette Duhaney	- Town Clerk's Department
Chloe Rew	- Town Clerk's Department
Leanne Murphy	- Town Clerk's Department
Sean Green	- Chamberlain's Department
Danielle Maalouf	- Chamberlain's Department

City of London Police:

Ian Dyson	- Commissioner
Alistair Sutherland	- Assistant Commissioner
Dai Evans	- T/Commander (Operations & Security)
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Duckworth.

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

No declarations were made.

3. PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27.04.20 are approved as an accurate record subject to the following correction:

Page 3 – On the fifth line of second paragraph after PPE insert (especially face coverings)

Additionally, the Acting Chairman requested the following:

Page 5-That 2 Outstanding References (ORs) from the Performance and Resource Management Committee be added to the ORs for Police Authority Board. These related to the Force/ Authority developing a Reserves Policy; and Force use of POCA funds in line with Home Office guidelines. (P&RM ORs 02/2020/P and 03/2020/P.

Page 6- The Force provide a full HMICFRS update to the 22nd June Police Authority Board. It was confirmed that this was due in any case. (OR 16/2020/P)

4. **VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of formal elections to appoint a Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the Board was advised that appointees had been carried forward from 2019/20. However, in the light of Doug Barrow's decision to stand down as Chairman of the Board, Deputy James Thomson would become Acting Chairman and Doug Barrow Acting Deputy Chairman until formal elections could take place.

The Acting Chairman and the Sheriff commended the immediate past Chairman, Doug Barrow for his contribution to the work of the Board and these sentiments were echoed by Board Members. A vote of thanks and appreciation for the immediate past Chairman's contribution to the work of the Board during his tenure as Chairman was moved, and it was,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That it was the sincere wish of the Members of the Police Authority Board to place on record their deep appreciation and thanks to

MR DOUGLAS BARROW

As Chairman of the Police Authority Board over the last four years, Mr Barrow has been a diligent, committed, well-respected and considerate Chairman. He has been a committed advocate for policing in the City, building effective relationships with the Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies, Fire and Rescue Services, the Home Office, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and our Community Safety Partners. He has ensured that the City of London Police continues to function in an efficient and effective manner.

The continuing threats to the City from terrorism and fraud-related crime remain constant and consequently, are key priorities for the force. These are just some of the areas which Mr Barrow effectively presided over during his time as Chairman. Together with the Police and our Safer City Partners, he has faced these challenges and worked diligently to overcome them and has ensured that the City is safe and secure for the years ahead.

Mr Barrow presided over meetings in a courteous manner, with leadership and vision, demonstrating a ready grasp of policing issues. Key achievements during his term as Chairman include the implementation of a governance review to further improve the scrutiny and challenge of the Force. He also maintained oversight of the relocation of the Economic Crime Directorate and Force Senior Management Team to Guildhall Yard East.

The Safer City Partnership was also refreshed under the leadership of Mr Barrow, fostering broader engagement from our City partners which informed the development of a Strategic Needs Led Assessment for the City. Under Mr Barrow's leadership, the Partnership successfully secured a guaranteed ten per cent of the Proceeds of Crime Act each year from the Force for crime prevention projects and initiatives and to protect the City's vulnerable groups.

During Mr Barrow's tenure, the profile of the Force in the City has been raised through greater engagement of the Court of Common Council Members. Mr Barrow helped successfully to secure additional funding for the force to recruit an additional sixty-seven posts to strengthen the security of the City and has worked closely with the Commissioner as the force's Transform Programme has been developed.

These achievements have strengthened and supported the Force's vision to be an organisation that is "Proud to deliver an exceptional policing service."

AND SO in taking leave of Mr Barrow as their Chairman, Members of this Board wish to thank him for his service and the excellent leadership with which he has directed the Board's demanding agendas to decision and to wish him every possible success in the future.

Before proceeding with items of the agenda, the Acting Chairman took the opportunity to note that he was in the unusual position of being Acting Chairman until such time, following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Board could meet to formally elect a Chairman. The Acting Chairman noted that he had five initial priorities, namely the support and challenge of the Force as the National Lead Force for fraud; improving the service of Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau following the recent review by Sir Craig Mackey; the delivery of the Force's Local Policing Plan including a performance-led and measurable approach to improving crime reduction; ensuring the Force operated on a sound financial footing with sound financial controls; and finally the delivery of the Force's Transform programme.

The Acting Chairman concluded by outlining his ambition that levels of engagement between the Force, Authority and broader City of London Corporation could be improved, Special Interest Areas refreshed, and the role of Chairman and that of the City of London Corporation more generally could engage with external partners to better support the Force.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES AND OTHER GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Board was advised that the Policy and Resources Committee and the Court of Common Council had agreed that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 21, in view of the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the annual appointment of committees and sub committees of the City of London Corporation (including the appointment of Chairman and Deputy Chairman) be deferred to April 2021. Consequently, the Membership of all Committees, Sub Committees and their Terms of Reference had been carried forward from 2019/20 subject to the following:

Appointment of co-opted Member - Performance and Resource Management

The Board to note that the Audit and Risk Management Committee has nominated of Dan Worsley to serve on the Performance and Resource Management Sub (Police) Committee for the year ensuing.

Appointment of representative to Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) – Members discussed the Board’s two available appointments to the Association and Police and Crime Commissioners and noted that, if appointed, this would be Simon Duckworth’s final year of appointment prior to the APCC elections. Members were minded to appoint Mr Duckworth for a further year, with a decision on the second appointment being deferred to a future meeting.

Performance & Resource Management Sub Committee - The Board to note that Douglas Barrow will be Chairman of the Performance & Resource Management Committee.

Economic Crime Sub Committee – The Board to note that Deputy James Thomson will be Chairman of the Economic Crime Committee.

Safer City Partnership – The Board to note that Doug Barrow will continue as Chairman of the Safer City Partnership.

Professional Standards & Integrity Sub Committee – The Board to note that Alderman Alison Gowman will continue as Chairman of the Professional Standards & Integrity Committee.

RESOLVED,

1. That the above appointments be supported.
6. Appoint Simon Duckworth to the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners for 2020/21.
7. Note that a decision on the second available appointment be made at a future meeting.

6. **PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

In considering the update, the following was highlighted:

- 30/2019/P, Cyber Griffin Evaluation – It was reported that this work was currently being evaluated by the City of London. The Town Clerk undertook to inform the Board of a revised timeline in due course.
- 37/2019/P, Exercise Yard – The Board was advised that this work had been approved by Capital Buildings Committee with completion anticipated in June/July 2020. An accelerated completion date was unlikely given the current challenges with appointing contractors.
- 5/2020/P, Quarterly reporting – Tijs Broeke agreed to follow up on this and report back to the Board in due course.
- 6/2020/P, Board awayday – It was reported that an informal working group would meet virtually on Monday 18th May and Deputy Keith Bottomley expressed his interest in joining this meeting.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

7. **COMMISSIONER'S PUBLIC UPDATES**

1a. **Update on Operation TAMAR**

The Commissioner and Chief Officers provided an oral update and highlighted the following:

- The CoLP were deeply engaged with enforcement while lockdown restrictions were easing focusing on engagement, educate and enforcement as a last resort. The initial easing of lockdown had little impact on the City of London thus far.
- There was some activity with City businesses as preparations were made for office space to be reconfigured.
- Twenty COVID-19 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) had been issued during the lockdown. This consisted of mainly of vehicle stops and 3 individuals had been issued with FPNs for failing to comply with repeated requests to cease filming a music video in the Barbican Estate. It was noted that the British Transport Police and TfL would be responsible for enforcement on the travel network.
- Sickness levels during the COVID-19 pandemic remained low (2%) and the officer who was being treated in hospital for COVID-19 was making a steady recovery.
- Reports of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour were low and the Aldgate/Middlesex Street Area was being monitored in response to complaints.
- Plans were being considered to make offices suitable for staff to return.

Staff were understandably anxious and phased re-occupation would take place whilst taking full advantage of technology for remote working.

- Throughout lockdown, uniformed policing level had been maintained but must reintegrate to workplace and take advantage of technology benefits.
- There was increasing demand on PPE supply chains and a supply of face coverings had been secured to minimise transmission of COVID-19 and steps were being taking to maintain an adequate supply of PPE. The Force has a good supply at the current time.
- A report was to be considered by the Planning & Transportation Committee later that day regarding proposals to alter the City of London Streetscape to support the COVID-19 recovery and any actions agreed would have an impact on CoLP.
- In respect of the Secure City Programme, Officers were optimistic that any changes would not diminish CCTV or ANPR as additional resources were available as a result of the Pan-London approach. Officers would raise these concerns with TfL and GLA at a meeting the following day.

2a. Update on National Lead Force

The Board was advised that

- Losses of £3m had been reported most of which related to COVID-19 related online fraud. This included computer software fraud, on-line retail and courier fraud.
- Thirty-two social media presences were made to providing advice on protecting against fraud. The CoLP had collaborated with other forces to shut down websites and email addresses where this was deemed appropriate. There had been 15 arrests in relation to COVID-19 Fraud activity.
- It was noted that the Force had not needed to re-deploy Economic Crime officers to maintain response policing levels.

3a. Update on Force Finances (New Finance Tracker)

The Board was advised that subsequent to the previous update provided on 27th April, there was nothing further to add.

8. CHAIRMAN'S PUBLIC UPDATE

The Acting Chairman reported that

- Regular updates were being provided on a range of matters including COVID-19 related fraud, and APCC briefings.

- Following the investigation of an alleged firearms incident in Mansell Street, Officers had found no evidence of a firearm being discharged and the incident was being pursued as an act of Criminal Damage.
- A request was made to Officers to ensure that external and co-opted members were invited to Board meetings when matters of interest/relevance to external and co-opted members were being considered.

9. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

11. **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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item Nos.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
12 - 18	3

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 27.04.20 be agreed as a correct record.

13. **NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Board considered the outstanding references.

14. **NON-PUBLIC COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

1a. **Non-public Update on Operation TAMAR**

The Board considered the non-public update.

2a. **Non-Public Update on National Lead Force**

The Board considered the non-public update.

3a. **Non-Public Update on Force finances (New Finance Tracker)**

The Board considered the non-public new finance tracker.

15. **CHAIRMAN'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE**

The Board considered the Chairman's non-public update.

16. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE IT MODERNISATION ACCELERATION**

The Board considered a report on modernisation proposals for the CoLP IT infrastructure.

17. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were two items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.41 pm

Chairman

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