

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Wednesday, 20 July 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 20 July 2022 at
10.00 am

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chair)
Caroline Addy
Helen Fentimen
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deborah Oliver
Deputy Graham Packham
Dawn Wright
Sir Craig Mackey (External Member)

In Attendance Virtually:

Deputy James Thomson
Munsur Ali
Michael Mitchell

Officers:

Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Chandni Tanna	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Paul Chadha	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Alistair Cook	- Head of Police Authority Finance
Alix Newbold	- Director of the Police Authority
Rachael Waldron	- Town Clerk's Department

City of London Police:

Angela McClaren	- Commissioner, City of London Police
Peter O'Doherty	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Paul Betts	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police
Umer Khan	- Commander, City of London Police
Emma Cunnington	- City of London Police
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chair Deputy James Thomson, Nicholas Bensted-Smith, and Alderman Emma Edhem. In the absence of the Board's Chair the Deputy Chair took the chair for remainder of the meeting.

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

There were no declarations received.

3. **MINUTES**

The Board considered the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the Police Authority Board meeting held on the 30th of June 2022.

RESOLVED – That the public minutes of the Police Authority Board meeting held on 30th of June be approved as an accurate record.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Board received a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Commissioner on the references outstanding from the last meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

5. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

a) Draft minutes of the Resource, Risk & Estates Committee

The Board received the public minutes and non-public summary of the Resource, Risk & Estates Committee meeting held on the 27th of May.

The Chair of the Committee drew the Board's attention to the comments in the minutes that there needed to be an effective establishment which was within budget, that it was considered to be a political priority that the budget is balanced. He also noted the issue regarding the Committee's concern over the City of London Police to adequately plan and execute capital spending projects, was also a priority.

RESOLVED- That the draft minutes be noted.

b) Draft minutes of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee

The Board received the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee held on the 25th of May.

RESOLVED- That the draft minutes be noted.

6. **CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE**

The Board received the Chair's public update.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

7. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

The Board received the City of London Police Commissioner's public update. The Commissioner thanked staff at the City of London Police and the Corporation for their support over the period of extreme weather.

Following a Member's comment on press coverage regarding the response to fraud, the Commissioner reassured the Board that this was in a strong position with Government support and with the City of London Police's contribution, including its role as the National Lead Force for Fraud, the replacement system for Action Fraud and the Economic Crime Victim Care unit. Additionally, the importance of the public confidence in the fraud response system was recognised.

The Board were informed of the National Business Crime Centre and noted that a report with more information on this would be provided at the September meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

8. **COLP REVENUE & CAPITAL OUTTURN - 2021/22**

The Board considered a report of the Commissioner on the City of London Police Revenue and Capital Outturn 2021/22.

A Member observed that the Force's workforce management was improving but there were still concerns over the Force's management of capital projects. The Board agreed that using reserves to resolve funding gaps was not a long-term solution to systemic issues.

The Deputy Chair highlighted the letter from the Chair and the Commissioner to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police regarding the impact of the Metropolitan Police's recruitment/ attraction award policy on other forces. Replying to the Deputy Chair's query it was confirmed that a full assessment of the impact of the national pay increases to the medium-term financial plan would be provided at the next meeting of the Resource, Risk and Estates Committee as part of the regular Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report.

It was confirmed that the impact of the vacancies on the Policing Plan had been completed and would be monitored going forward.

RESOLVED- That: -

- I. That Members noted the report; and
- II. That the proposed allocation of the £2m underspend to the General Reserve, along with the consolidation of other earmarked reserves into General Reserve as highlighted be approved.

9. **PUBLIC ORDER BILL**

The Board received a report of the Remembrancer regarding the Public Order Bill.

Following a Member's query it was clarified that Officers were not aware of any concerns voiced during the Parliamentary processes at this stage but that it would be confirmed if this understanding was not correct.

The Board noted that whilst the increased powers in the Bill were a useful tool, for public order policing, appropriate proportionality and caution in their use was important to maintain positive relationship with the public.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

10. ONLINE SAFETY BILL - FRAUD PROVISIONS

The Board received a report of the Remembrancer regarding the Online Safety Bill.

The Deputy Chairman noted his disappointment regarding the delay in the progression of the Bill.

A Member suggested that the Force build in measures to combat online safety, as far as was possible, without waiting for the Bill to be approved. In response it was confirmed that actions were in place to disrupt illegal advertising and prevent online fraud.

Replying to a Member's concern, it was confirmed that the Bill would not create new crimes but identifies them in the online space which, whilst it would increase the Force's workload in the short term, the Commissioner noted that the new legislation once passed, would mean offences could be dealt with more expeditiously. It will require further training and methods of response. Members noted that it was important to place the responsibility on the relevant content provider

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

11. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business considered in the public session.

13. 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 No.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
16, 17, 18, 21, 28	1
14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27	3

14. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The Board considered the draft non-public minutes of the Police Authority Board meeting held on the 30th of June 2022.

RESOLVED – That the public minutes of the Police Authority Board meeting held on 30th of June be approved as an accurate record.

15. NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

The Board received a joint report of the Town Clerk and City of London Police Commissioner on the non-public outstanding references from the last meeting.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

16. CHAIR'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE

There was no further update from the Chair in the non-public session.

17. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

The Board received the Commissioner's non-public update.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

18. EXTERNAL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The Board considered a report of the Town Clerk on the External Member Appointment.

RESOLVED- That the report be approved.

19. FUTURE POLICE ESTATE PORTFOLIO: FUNDING

The Board received a joint report of the Commissioner and City Surveyor on the Future Police Estate Portfolio funding.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

20. ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE 2021-22

The Board received a report of the Commissioner on the Annual Health and Safety update.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

**21. GATEWAY 5 AUTHORITY TO START
WORK_BISHOPSGATE_ARMOURY_PROJECT_JULY 2022 FINAL**

RESOLVED- That the report be withdrawn.

**22. CITY OF LONDON POLICE - HORSEBOX REPLACEMENT PROJECT
2022/23**

RESOLVED- That the report be withdrawn.

**23. CITY OF LONDON POLICE VEHICLE FLEET IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAMME 2022/23**

RESOLVED- That the report be withdrawn.

24. GW3-4 IN CAR AUDIO VISUAL-OPTIONS APPRAISAL

RESOLVED- That the report be withdrawn.

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

There were no questions.

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

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RESOLVED- That the draft minutes be noted.

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RESOLVED- That the draft minutes be noted.

28. MIDDLESEX STREET, CAR PARK, MIDDLESEX STREET, E1 7AD

The Board considered a report of the Commissioner on the City of London Police Vehicle Fleet Improvement Programme 2022/23.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

29. CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX: EXTERNAL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The Board received the non-public appendix read in conjunction with Item 18.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 11.21 am

Chair

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