

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Wednesday, 10 January 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 10 January
2024 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
Helen Fentimen
Jason Groves
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deborah Oliver
Dawn Wright
Melissa Collett (External Member)
Michael Mitchell (External Member)

Officers:

Ian Thomas CBE	- Town Clerk
Richard Riley	- Police Authority
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain
Gregory Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department
Oliver Bolton	- Police Authority
Charles Smart	- Police Authority
Josef Shadwell	- Police Authority
Alistair Cook	- CoLP and Police Authority Finance

City of London Police:

Pete O'Doherty	- Commissioner, City of London Police
Paul Betts	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Nik Adams	- Commander, City of London Police
Alix Newbold	- City of London Police
Umer Khan OBE	- Commander, City of London Police
Chris Bell	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Munsur Ali, Tijs Broeke, Andrew Lentin, and Graham Packham.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 are approved as an accurate record, subject to the addition of apologies from Jason Groves for the meeting held on the 22 November 2022.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

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

In addition to the updates provided in the report, the following points were noted:

- The Chair requested the paper covering the Cycle Team evaluation be taken at the end the public session of the Committee, with a copy of the report to be published in the public pack with relevant non public information redacted.
- The Chair would be writing to the Chairs of the Markets Board, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee and Community and Childrens Services Committee regarding uniforms and CSAS powers.

RESOLVED, That the Committee notes the report.

5. **CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE**

Members received the Chair's update, noting particularly the Chair's thanks for the work of the City of London Police and others over the Christmas and New Year period.

Members noted, with sadness, the news that Godfrey Baillon-Bending had passed away just before Christmas. His dedication to the City's Independent Custody Visitor Scheme was very much appreciated. The Chair shared that an event in the City to mark Stephen Lawrence Day has been set for the 23 March 2024, and was asked by a Member to ensure that judges at the Old Bailey are offered the opportunity to participate.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

6. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner heard in conjunction with item 9.

During the discussion the following points were noted

- Commander Nik Adams has a National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) lead role in relation to election security. A number of others have responsibilities too, including the Metropolitan Police, other Chief Constables, the Local Government Association and other partners. An NPCC meeting to explore potential threats, roles and responsibilities would take place shortly.
- The City of London Police has reached out to the Metropolitan Police regarding the Post Office investigation to offer support and to understand the Metropolitan Police stance on the issue. Members will be kept informed of any developments.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

7. TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT DRAFT 2024- 25 BUSINESS PLAN REPORT

Members received a report of the Town Clerk outlining the Town Clerk's Department draft 2024-25 Business Plan.

During the discussion the following points were noted

- The Chair suggested changing the wording of the first workstream from "Police funding and value for money- Oversee and work with the Force to improve the 'line of sight'" to "ensuring value for money in the delivery of improved community safety outcomes" with specific reference to the estate and accommodation, and the collaborative work with the Community Safety Partnership. The Deputy Town Clerk sought delegated authority to make final minor wording amendments with the Chair.
- The Chair noted two areas of focus that the Board requires wider Corporation support with: accommodation and the community safety and enforcement activities.
- The Chair requested clarity on the headcount numbers included in the report.
- A Member suggested that the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service key performance indicators would be beneficial in gaining cross party support for the National Lead Force position.

RESOLVED, that Members of the Police Authority Board approved the sections related to the Police Authority and granted delegated authority to the Deputy Town Clerk to make final wording amendments in consultation with the Chair.

8. CITY OF LONDON POLICE PROVISIONAL FUNDING SETTLEMENT 2024 - 2025

Members received a report of the Commissioner outlining the City of London Police provisional funding settlement 2024 – 25.

During the discussion the following points were noted

- The Chamberlain welcomed the settlement generally and noted that the precept grant was disappointingly low.
- The Chamberlain felt that the ask for an additional allocation from the 2023 Business Rate Premium is reasonable from the Corporation perspective.
- The Town Clerk queried the confidence levels around closing the funding gap and it was outlined that it would be difficult to bridge the funding gap through further force mitigations without significant impact on policing. The City of London Police Authority Board made no requests on the uplifted Business Rate Premiums from the previous financial year, and there was confidence that a solution will be found for the 2024 -25 funding gap.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

9. NATIONAL LEAD FORCE

Members received this update in conjunction with item 6.
RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

10. **FCCRAS UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update outlining the progress of the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service progress.

The following key points were noted:

- This is a transformational change programme involving multiple moving parts. The relationship with the suppliers and contractors remains positive and relevant workstreams are progressing with plans to go live in 2024.
- The programme continues to navigate financial and operational challenges, and the go live date is anticipated to be determined shortly.

RESOLVED, that the update be noted.

21. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE CYCLE TEAM TRIAL EVALUATION**

Members received a report of the Commissioner covering the evaluation of the City of London Policy Cycle Team Trial. This report was moved to the public session of the meeting at the request of the Chair. The report will be shared with the public agenda pack with certain information redacted, following the meeting.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Members welcomed the report and supported the City Police's decision to create a dedicated Cycle Team by moving existing established posts from other policing teams.
- Members noted positive feedback and impact within the residential community.
- A Member queried the communications plan around this work and was keen to reinforce the positive message with the residents. The Chair asked the City of London Police to consider a clear ask around messaging to be taken to other Committees and emphasised the need for wider partnership working.

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.

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.

14. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023, be approved as an accurate record.

15. **NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which set out non-public Outstanding References from previous meetings of the Committee.

16. **CHAIR'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE**

Members heard a verbal non-public update from the Chair of the City of London Police Authority Board.

17. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

Members received a verbal update of the Commissioner, in conjunction with item 20.

18. **NON PUBLIC FCCRAS UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update on the progress of the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service.

19. **FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME REPORTING AND ANALYSIS SERVICE PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk outlining the proposal to extend the term of the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service Procurement Committee up to an including formal 'Go Live' date.

20. **NATIONAL LEAD FORCE**

Members received the verbal update on the National Lead Force role in conjunction with item 17.

22. **NATIONAL SECTION 22 COLLABORATION AGREEMENT- MODERN SLAVERY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ORGANISED IMMIGRATION CRIME PROGRAMME- UPDATED AGREEMENT 2023- 2025**

Members received a report on the National Section 22 Collaboration agreement.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 13:01

Chairman

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