

City of London Police Authority Board
Wednesday, 4 September 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Chair)
Deputy James Thomson (Deputy Chair)
Alderman Emma Edhem
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Andrew Lentin
Jason Groves
Michael Mitchell
Melissa
Sir Craig Mackey
Alderman Timothy Hailes

Collett

Officers:

Ian Thomas CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
Gregory Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Josef Shadwell	- Town Clerk's Department
Rachael Waldron	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department
Frank Marchionne	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Zakki Ghauri	- Chamberlain's Department
Kate Limna	- Chamberlain's Department
Charlotte Rendle	- Chamberlain's Department
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyors Department
Will Stark	- Remembrancer's Department

City of London Police:

Pete O'Doherty	- City of London Police
Nik Adams	- City of London Police
Umer Khan	- City of London Police
Paul Betts	- City of London Police
Andrew Gould	- City of London Police
Patrick Holdaway	- City of London Police
Alix Newbold	- City of London Police
Chris Bell	- City of London Police
Emma Cunnington	- City of London Police
Alistair Cook	- City of London Police
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police

Nick Court - City of London Police/ Seconded to Interpol

Observing
Kate Lloyd - MOPAC
Boshra Cant - MOPAC
Nur Saleh - MOPAC

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Deborah Oliver, and from Alderman Timothy Hailes, who later joined during the non-public session of the meeting.

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 3 July 2024 were approved as an accurate record, subject to the correction of the title of Caroline Hay MBE in item 6.

4. **Outstanding References**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which set out Outstanding References from previous meetings of the Committee.
RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. **Chair's Public Update**

Members received the Chair's public update.
RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

6. **Commissioner's Update**

Members received the Commissioner's public update, and the following points were raised:

- Members discussed the cycle team and queried the available options to further the work around the issue of anti-social cycling in the City. This was noted as a key area of interest for Members, and a Cycle Safety course was suggested provided by a third party supplier and used by other police forces. The Commissioner agreed to scope potential options to provide education and awareness.
- A Member requested information about how to report anti-social behaviour, to help build up the picture of hot spots around the City.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

7. **Recent Subcommittee Minutes**

Members received minutes from the following recent Police Authority Board subcommittees

- a. Resource Risk and Estates Committee 20 May 2024
- b. Strategic Planning and Performance Committee 21 May 2024
- c. Professional Standards and Integrity Committee 4 June 2024
- d. Economic and Cyber Crime Committee 25 July 2024

RESOLVED, - that the minutes be noted.

8. **Government priorities for policing**

Members received a joint report of the Commissioner and the Town Clerk which outlined the new government priorities for policing.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- Members noted the challenge of funding being available for 13,000 new officers.
- Members queried the current government's commitment to the Fraud Strategy; it was outlined that the Labour Manifesto committed to introducing a new expanded fraud strategy.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

9. **Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Replacement ***

Members received a report of the Chamberlain which sought approval for the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Replacement.

Members queried the financial implications of the programme on the Police budget and were assured by officers that this programme would have no financial implications for the City of London Police. Officers from Digital, Information and Technology services agreed to confirm any financial implications for the City of London Police budget in writing and confirm that there would be no doubling up of funding if connection infrastructure was also being considered and funded through the Future Police Estates Programme.

Members enquired about the timeline of the project, and it was outlined that further information would be available upon completion of the first phase of the project, which would be a full audit into the required upgrades.

RESOLVED, - that Members approved the recommendation subject to confirmation of the financial implications for the City of London Police budget.

10. **City of London draft Victims Strategy**

Members received a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Commissioner which outlined the City of London draft Victims Strategy.

Members welcomed the report and noted how important it was that victims felt their crimes had been appropriately investigated.

Officers confirmed that quarterly reporting on the strategy would be submitted to the Strategic Performance and Planning Committee.

11. **National Business Crime Portfolio- National Business Crime Centre**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined current work under the National Police Chiefs' Council National Business Crime portfolio.

Members noted that the work was funded by the City of London Police and supplemented by the Home Office, and further funding was being sought from April 2025 to ensure the delivery of a more consistent service.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

12. **The City of London Police Pension Board - Review of Activities for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

Members received a report of the Chamberlain which provided a review of activities for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 of the City of London Police Pensions Board.

Members noted the recent appointment of Madush Gupta onto the City of London Police Pensions Board.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

13. **Questions on matters relating to the work of the Board**

There was one question which related to the timing of Cluster panels which had been organised to take place during August when Members were on recess. The Commissioner outlined that a refresh and relaunch of the engagement with communities through Cluster panels would commence in November 2024, and Members would be engaged to provide input.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

14. **Any other business that the Chair considers urgent**

There was one item of urgent business.

Appointment to Economic and Cyber Crime Committee

RESOLVED, that Mandeep Thandi was appointed to the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee as a co-opted Member of the Court of Common Council for a term of two years.

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 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.

16. **Non-Public Minutes**

RESOLVED, - that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2024 be approved as an accurate record.

17. **Chair's Non-Public Update**

The Chair had no update.

18. **COMMISSIONER'S NON-Public Update**

Members received a presentation from Nick Court, a City of London Police Officer who has been seconded to Interpol for the last 3 years.

19. **NPCC Cybercrime Programme - Police Cyber Alarm Extension of Contract Waiver**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which requested approval for an extension of Policy Cyber Alarm contract waiver.

20. **Non Public FCCRAS Progress Report**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Programme.

21. **2024 Force Management Statement - Strategic Demand Assessment**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an overview of the 2024 Force Management Statement (FMS).
22. **NPCC Cybercrime Programme Blockchain Forensic Tool - increase in contract value ***
Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the NPCC Cybercrime programme blockchain forensic tool.
23. **Eastern Base Progress Report***
Members received a report of the City Surveyor which provided an update on the Eastern Base Progress Report. Members received this item in conjunction with items 24 and 25, which outlined the future police estates portfolio, and the Guildhall Yard East progress report.
24. **Future Police Estates Portfolio**
This item was considered in conjunction with items 23 and 25.
25. **Guidhall Yard East progress report**
This item was considered in conjunction with items 23 and 24.
26. **Non-Public Questions on matters relating to the work of the Board**
There were no questions.
27. **Any other business that the Chair considers urgent and which the Board agrees should be considered whilst the public are excluded**
There were two items of business, the first related to the Banksy artwork relocation.

The second item of business was that October 2024 would be an operationally busy period for the City of London Police, and security messaging for Members would follow

The meeting ended at 13:10

Chairman

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