

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at
11.00 am

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Chair)
Ruby Sayed (Deputy Chair)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Mary Durcan
Helen Fentimen
Deputy John Fletcher
Deputy James Thomson

In attendance virtually:

Deputy Marianne Fredericks

Officers:

Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley	- Police Authority Director
Simon Cribbens	- Community and Children's Services Department
Gavin Stedman	- Port Health and Environmental Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy Shravan Joshi, Deputy Peter Dunphy and Deputy Marianne Fredericks.

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

There were no declarations received.

3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Committee received the order of the Court of Common Council held at the Guildhall of the City of London on Thursday 27th April 2023, which appointed the Committee and approved its Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED- That the Court Order be noted.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Committee considered the report to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

The Committee received an Expression of Interest from Tijs Broeke to be elected as Chair of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That Tijs Broeke be elected as Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Committee considered the report to elect a Deputy Chair in accordance with Standing Order No. 30.

The Committee received an Expression of Interest from Ruby Sayed to be elected as uncontested Deputy Chair of the Committee.

RESOLVED- That Ruby Sayed be elected as Deputy Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

6. **SUGGESTED WAYS OF WORKING FOR THE CRIME & DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the Safer City Partnership's suggested ways of working for the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

The Deputy Chair suggested that the Officers arrange a training for the Committee to ensure Members are fully aware and abreast of their duties in scrutinising and to help clarify how Members are expected to discharge their statutory function. Officers agreed that the requested training for the Committee would be arranged.

RESOLVED- The Board agreed the suggested ways of working or to set out – within the bounds of the formal terms of reference and agreed activities.

7. **REFOCUSING PRIORITIES FOR THE SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk concerning refocussing its priorities from the seven-point agenda set out in its strategy last year.

The Chair requested that the terms of reference and membership list of the Safer City Partnership be circulated to the Committee.

Following a Member's request, Officers agreed to investigate how other scrutinising teams operate their meetings and notify the Committee of the range of practices used in managing crime to avoid duplication of efforts between the Committee and the Safer City Partnership.

The Committee discussed the importance of revisiting the timing between the Safer City Partnership Board and the Crime and Disorder Committee meetings to ensure the Committee is provided with minutes from the Board meetings prior to each Committee meeting. In addition, Members requested that the Chair and/or the Deputy Chair of the Safer City Partnership to attend Committee meetings going forward to inform of the Board's activities.

Following the Chair's query, it was agreed that the Committee be provided with a copy of the strategic assessment document regarding crime and disorder in the city and the informed of any updates made to the strategic assessment document going forward.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no urgent business.

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - 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.

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

There were no non-public questions.

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

There were no non-public items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 11:44

Chair

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