City of London Police Authority Board
Monday, 13 July 2026

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 13 July 2026 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:
Tijs Broeke (Chair)
Melissa Collett
Deputy Helen Fentimen OBE JP
Deputy Madush Gupta
Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Deputy Deborah Oliver
Deputy James Thomson CBE
Deputy Dawn Wright
Michael Mitchell (External Member)
Randall Anderson (External Member)

Officers:

Ian Thomas CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Rachael Waldron	- Town Clerk's Department
Preet Desai	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department
Frank Marchione	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's
Caroline Al-Bayerti	- Chamberlain's
Rob Hall	- Communications & External Affairs
Tim Fletcher	- Communications & External Affairs
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyors

1. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Jason Groves and Ben Murphy was observing online.

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
There were no declarations.

3. **Minutes**
RESOLVED, - that the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 13 May 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

4. **Co-Opted appointments to Sub-Committees**
Members received a report of the Town Clerk which set out vacancies for co-opted Members from the Court of Common Council, and expressions of interest received.

The Professionalism and Trust Committee received five expressions of interest for three vacancies for co-opted Members from Court of Common Council. In accordance with Standing Order 26(1a), it was noted that it would be within the gift of the Grand Committee (Police Authority Board) to alter the membership of its subcommittees. As there were five nominations for three vacancies but remaining vacancies on the Professionalism and Trust Committee for Police Authority Board Members, Members approved the alteration of the Membership to appoint the named Members to the committee for a term of two years.

RESOLVED, that:
Dr Joanna Abeyie be appointed to the Local Policing Committee for a term of two years ending May 2028.

- Dr Joanna Abeyie, John Griffiths, John Foley, Naresh Sonpar and Nick Bensted-Smith be appointed to the Professionalism and Trust Committee for a term of two years, ending May 2028.
- The remaining vacancy on the Resource and Estates Committee would be re-advertised to Court

5. **Police Authority Board Q4 subcommittee reports summary**

6. **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.

7. **Chair's Public Update**

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

8. **Commissioner's Update**

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

9. **Policing Plan performance report**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined performance against the Policing Plan.

Members queried how the City of London Police (CoLP) intended to achieve its commitment to a 50% year-on-year reduction in phone snatching offences.
Officers outlined that a 30% reduction had been achieved over the previous 12 months, and that a dedicated 12-month operation was in place, which combined targeted enforcement, offender pursuit, hotspot patrols, phone-marking initiatives, engagement with businesses, and collaboration with mobile phone providers to improve security measures and reduce the resale value of stolen devices. This work was also linked to the disruption of organised crime groups involved in phone theft.

Members highlighted the significant work undertaken to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls and suggested that future reports would provide greater visibility of the breadth and impact of this activity. Officers agreed to consider how these outcomes would be reported to the Board more effectively and noted that this topic would be covered and scrutinised by the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, where a cross-corporation efforts would be reviewed in depth.
RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

10. **Quarterly HMICFRS Activities Update (Q1 April - June 2026)**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which set out the quarterly HMICFRS activities from April – June 2026.
Members discussed lessons learned from recent inspections, noting the importance of maintaining focus on overarching priorities and ensuring that individual areas of interest do not detract from broader organisational progress.

Members queried whether the inspection criteria was likely to change following the recommendations of the Leadership Review. Officers advised that the inspection framework for 2025-27 had already been established and was not expected to change. The only potential impact might have arisen from HMICFRS's awareness of, and response to, the Leadership Review findings.
RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

11. **Draft City of London Police Annual Report 2025-26**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which sought approval of the City of London Police Annual Report 2025-26.

Members provided additional commentary and requested certain changes to the report be made before onward submission. The overall feedback of Members was that the report did not sufficiently convey the scale of the Force's achievements throughout the year and to evidence these with case studies and real-life examples. Members also suggested that the executive summary should be revised to better reflect and celebrate significant achievement, and to make the narrative more impactful and engaging. Members felt that the report should be used as a high-profile document to showcase the organisational value and to communicate the Force's position and value within the context of Police Reform.

RESOLVED, that the Board delegated authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with Chair and Deputy to finalise the report before publication and presentation to the Court of Common Council.

12. **Response to Wardmote Resolution**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a response to a wardmote resolution.

Members noted that this topic has been discussed at length and approved to share the report and minute with the Alderman and Deputy of the Ward of Cordwainer.
RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

13. **Live Facial Recognition (LFR) and the current position in the City of London**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the current position in the City of London relating to Live Facial Recognition.

Officers advised that work was underway to develop the necessary policy framework and operational readiness to support the future deployment of emerging technologies.
A further update would be provided to the Police Authority Board (PAB) before implementation and would include details of how impacts and outcomes would be measured.
Members sought clarification on decision-making responsibilities regarding the use of cameras on bridges, particularly where deployments would be intended for preventative rather than evidential purposes.
Members highlighted the significant investment made through the Secure City Programme and emphasised the importance of ensuring that available technology was used effectively to maximise public safety benefits and return on investment.

Officers took an action to coordinate a joint City Corporation and City of London Police report to set out current and future use of technology, including AI, ANPR, drones and LFR, with a focus on outcomes and opportunities to reduce crime.

Members raised concerns regarding dangerous cycling behaviour, particularly offences such as red-light violations, and suggested that emerging technologies could assist with enforcement. Officers acknowledged the issue and noted that the City Police Cycle Team was recognised as a national leader in this area and works closely with Transport for London and neighbouring boroughs. It was confirmed that LFR would not be used for cycling offences due to proportionality, legality and privacy considerations. However, CCTV and other enforcement methods would continue to be utilised where appropriate.

Members sought clarification on how LFR technology would interact with the existing Secure City camera network. Officers explained that the two systems were distinct and did not operate together. Existing Secure City cameras were not designed or positioned for LFR deployment, and this separation reflected important operational and governance considerations. Officers agreed to include further information on the use and effectiveness of the current camera network within a future Commissioner's Update.
RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

14. **City of London Police Pensions Board - Review of activities 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026**
Members received a report of the Chamberlain which provided a review of City of London Police Pensions Board Activities 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.
RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

16. **Any other business that the Chair considers urgent**
There was one item of urgent business.

Officers shared that the Leadership Commission began in October 2025, and recognised pressures and complexities faced by both officers and staff. COLP Officers were in the process of consideration of how these recommendations could be implemented where appropriate.

17. **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.

18. **Non-Public Minutes**
RESOLVED, - that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2026 were approved as an accurate record.

19. **City of London Police Subcommittee recent non-public report summary**
Members received a report of the Town Clerk which provided a summary of non-public reports considered at Police Authority Board subcommittee meetings in Q4.

20. **Report of Action Taken - COLP Submission to Independent Review of Police Force Structure**
Members received a report of the Town Clerk which outlined a decision taken under delegated authority between Board meetings, to finalise and submit the City of London Police submission to the independent review of police force structure.

21. **Non-Public Outstanding References**
Members received a report of the Town Clerk which outlined the outstanding non-public references.

22. **Chair's Non-Public Update**
There was no non-public update.

23. **Commissioner's Non-Public Updates**
RESOLVED, - that Members heard the Commissioners non-public update.

24. **Police Reform Update**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on Police Reform.

25. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Annual Performance Update**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update report on Health, Safety and Wellbeing Annual Performance.

26. **City of London Police Response to Recent Public Disorder**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which set out the police response to recent public disorder.

27. **Cyber Security**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined COLP response to Cyber Security.

28. **Force Management Statement 2026-27 Summary**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which summarised the Force Management Statement 2026-27.

29. **City of London Police Risk Register Update**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on the City of London Police risk register.

30. **The Nexus draft Outline Business Case**
Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the Nexus draft business case.

31. **Eastern Base progress report**
Members received a joint report of the City Surveyor and the Commissioner which outlined the Eastern Base progress report.

32. **Non-Public Questions on matters relating to the work of the Board**
There were no questions.

33. **Any other business that the Chair considers urgent and which the Board agrees should be considered whilst the public are excluded**
There were three items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12:45pm

Chairman

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