

ECONOMIC CRIME COMMITTEE OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Friday, 18 October 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Crime Committee of the Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 18 October 2019 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Nicholas Bensted-Smith (Chairman)
Alderman Emma Edhem
Deputy Robert Merrett
Deputy James Thomson (Ex-Officio Member)

City of London Police Authority:

Simon Latham	- Deputy Chief Executive
Oliver Bolton	- Deputy Head of Police Authority Team
Dr Lucy Fraser	- Town Clerk's Department (Innovation and Growth)
Alistair MacLellan	- Town Clerk's Department

City of London Police Force:

Karen Baxter	- Commander (Economic Crime)
Perry Stokes	- Detective Chief Superintendent
Jennifer V	- Head of Intelligence (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Doug Barrow, Deputy Keith Bottomley, Andrew Lentin, Deputy Henry Pollard, and James Tumbridge.

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 5 July 2019 be approved.

4. PUBLIC REFERENCES

Members considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner regarding public references from previous meetings and the following points were made.

1/2017/P – Fraudulent Cryptocurrencies/Search 'hits' for City of London Police and Fraud

- The Detective Chief Superintendent confirmed that this reference would be closed ahead of the next meeting, with email confirmation being issued to Members in the meantime once this had been achieved.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
Action Know Fraud in the Media

The Detective Chief Superintendent was heard regarding reports in the media in August 2019 regarding the behaviour of Action Fraud call centre staff. The Detective Chief Superintendent noted that the Force had been proactively managing the situation, and that Concentrix, the call centre provider, had initiated their own investigation which would likely result in disciplinary action, and IBM had similarly put in place mitigation measures to ensure call centre performance was fit for purpose. Lastly, the Detective Chief Superintendent referenced the recently announced Mackey Review of Action Fraud, commissioned by the City of London Police Authority and City of London Police.

6. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

7. **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 of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2019 be approved.

9. **NON-PUBLIC REFERENCES**

Members considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner regarding non-public references arising from previous meetings.

9.1 **16/2019/P - Use of Specials in Economic Crime Directorate**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the use of Specials in the Economic Crime Directorate.

9.2 **13/2019/NP - National Policing Strategy for Fraud**

The Commander (Economic Crime) was heard regarding the National Policing Strategy for Fraud.

9.3 **14/2019/NP - Headline Figure for Investment in National Policing Strategy for Fraud**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the headline figure for investment in the National Policing Strategy for Fraud.

10. **SHAPING NATIONAL NARRATIVE AROUND ECONOMIC CRIME**

The Commander (Economic Crime) was heard regarding the shaping of the national narrative around Economic Crime.

11. **ECONOMIC CRIME DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 2: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding Economic Crime Directorate Performance – Quarter 2 – July-September 2019.

12. **FRAUD: TIME TO CHOOSE - NATIONAL REPORT BY HMICFRS - SUMMARY OF CITY OF LONDON POLICE PROGRESS AS AT 1 OCTOBER 2019**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding City of London Police progress as at 1 October 2019 with regards to *Time to Choose – National Report by HMICFRS*.

13. **ECONOMIC CRIME VICTIM CARE UNIT PERFORMANCE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the Economic Crime Victim Care Unit Performance to 30 September 2019.

14. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was one item of other business.

The meeting ended at 12.20 pm

Chairman

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