

ECONOMIC CRIME COMMITTEE OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Monday, 27 January 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Crime Committee of the Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 27 January 2020 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Nicholas Bensted-Smith (Chairman)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Alderman Emma Edhem
Andrew Lentin
Deputy Robert Merrett
Deputy Henry Pollard

City of London Police Authority:

Simon Latham	- Deputy Chief Executive
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Alex Orme	- Head of Police Authority Team
Oliver Bolton	- Deputy Head of Police Authority Team
Alistair MacLellan	- Town Clerk's Department

City of London Police Force:

Perry Stokes	- T/Detective Chief Superintendent
Oliver Shaw	- Detective Superintendent
Chris Felton	- Director of Economic Crime Academy
Jennifer V	- City of London Police
Alix Newbold	- City of London Police
Teresa La-Thangue	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Doug Barrow, Simon Duckworth and Deputy James Thomson.

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 18 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC REFERENCES

Members considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner regarding public references.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

5. PUBLIC REPORTS

The Town Clerk noted that there were no public reports due for consideration.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

6.1 Mackey Review of Action Fraud

The recently published Mackey/Savill Review of the national 'lead force' responsibilities of the City of London Police and the effectiveness of investigations in the UK was discussed and the following points were made.

- The Commissioner welcomed the review and noted that the Force would be working with the Home Office to address the recommendations raised within it.
- The Deputy Chief Executive similarly welcomed the review and confirmed that the Authority would work with the Force to address its recommendations. The Authority recognised that all 43 Forces in England needed to be engaged in order to address the issue of fraud and noted the review's recommendation that the City of London Police remained at the heart of any future solution to combat fraud.
- The Director of Communications (Authority) noted that the publication of the review had attracted fair and balanced coverage.

7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

8. 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.

9. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

10. NON-PUBLIC REFERENCES

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

11. MACKEY REVIEW OF ACTION FRAUD

The Commissioner was heard regarding the recently published Mackey/Savill Review of the national 'lead force' responsibilities of the City of London Police and the effectiveness of investigations in the UK.

12. NON-PUBLIC REPORTS

12.1 Investment in National Policing Strategy for Fraud

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding Investment in National Policing Strategy for Fraud.

12.2 City of London Police - Interpol & Europol Engagement

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding City of London Police – Interpol & Europol Engagement.

12.3 Economic Crime Directorate Q3 Performance Report - October-December 2019

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding Economic Crime Directorate Performance Q3 – October-December 2019.

12.4 Economic Crime Academy Performance Data - December 2018-December 2019

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding Economic Crime Academy Performance Data – December 2018-December 2019.

13. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

14. 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 on other business.

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm

Chairman

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