

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Tuesday, 22 June 2021

Minutes of the informal meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held
virtually on Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at 9.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chair)
Munsur Ali
Douglas Barrow
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Alderman Emma Edhem
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Graham Packham
Dawn Wright
Deborah Oliver (External Member)

Officers:

Simon Latham	- Deputy Chief Executive
Alex Orme	- Head of Police Authority Team
Oliver Bolton	- Deputy Head of Police Authority Team
Rachael Waldron	- Compliance Lead, Police Authority Team
Chandni Tanna	- Town Clerk's Department
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department
Sarah Phillips	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Alistair Cook	- Head of Police Authority Finance
Phil Pettit	- Chamberlain's Department
Bukola Soyombo	- Chamberlain's Department
Jillian Reed	- Community & Children's Services Department

City of London Police:

Ian Dyson	- Commissioner
Angela McLaren	- Assistant Commissioner
Alistair Sutherland	- Assistant Commissioner
Cecilie Booth	- Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer
Christopher Bell	- City of London Police
Andrew Gould	- City of London Police
Rob Atkin	- City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police

1. **APOLOGIES**

The Clerk noted that this was an informal meeting. Any views reached by the Board would have to be considered by the Town Clerk after the meeting in accordance with the Court of Common Council's Covid Approval Procedure who will make a formal decision having considered all relevant matters. This process reflects the current position in respect of the holding of formal Local and Police Authority meetings and the Court of Common Council's decision of 15th April 2021 to continue with virtual meetings and take formal decisions through a delegation to the Town Clerk and other officers nominated by him after the informal meeting has taken place and the will of the Committee is known in open session. Details of all decisions taken under the Covid Approval Procedure will be available online via the City Corporation's webpages

Apologies were received from Andrew Lentin. Alderman Hailes had given notice for lateness and would need to leave early.

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

There were none.

3. **MINUTES**

It was noted that the May meeting had been informal and that this was not adequately captured within the minutes. A brief note would need to be added to the cover page.

RESOLVED, that subject to the revision proposed, the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 18 May 2021, be approved as an accurate record.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which set out Outstanding References from previous meetings of the Board.

The Chair thanked Commander Dai Evans for the Public Order update delivered to Court Members on 7 June 2021.

It was noted that the impact report on NCP (**12/2021/P**) should go to the Strategic Planning & Performance Committee on 6 September 2021, not the Economic & Cyber Crime Committee.

A Resource, Risk & Estates Committee had been scheduled for 1 July 2021 for a deep dive on COLP accommodation.

15/2021/P – Closing date for the advert was 18 June 2021. Candidates would be presented to the Board for consideration at its July meeting.

RESOLVED, that the Committee notes the report.

5. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

a) Resource Risk and Estates Committee

It was noted that the attendee list was incorrect and would be updated before being submitted for approval at the next RREC meeting.

RESOLVED, that the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 4 May 2021, be noted.

b) Economic & Cyber Crime Committee

RESOLVED, that the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 5 May 2021, be noted.

c) Strategic Planning & Performance Committee

RESOLVED, that the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 4 May 2021, be noted.

6. CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE

Members received a verbal update of the Chair on the following matters:

- APPC – Following the election of PCCs in May, there would be an AGM in July.
- Police Property Act Fund grant donations – all but three charities had completed and returned the necessary paperwork to the City Procurement Team for processing. The Police Authority Team were chasing those outstanding.
- Police Authority Governance – an induction pack for all Board Members would be shared with Members in the coming week. Feedback was sought.
- More permanent clerking arrangements had been agreed by the Town Clerk's Department.
- An update on equality, diversity and inclusion within the Force was given at a meeting of the Tackling Racism Taskforce in June. This update will be provided to PS&I in September. Members were keen to see a robust action plan which gave clear actions, timelines and milestones.
- Following reports of anti social behaviour (ASB) in the Western Sector of the City, the Chair had engaged with Members and the Force and held a Member briefing session. Thanks were given to Chief Inspector Hay for their pro-active response, providing updates to members of the community.
- Recruitment for a new Commissioner was underway, with an assessment centre having taken place on 21 June. Final interviews would take place on 25 June.

RESOLVED, that the update be noted.

7. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

Members received a verbal update of the Commissioner and Chief Officers.

Whilst the increase in footfall (and consequently crime) in the City had slightly increased, as expected, the Commissioner was disturbed by the notable increase in the number of those attempting and committing suicide. This was

not unique to the City of London, with the British Transport Police, and Met Police experiencing similar. The Commissioner reported five incidents, four of which were on the City bridges; only one individual had entered the water and was rescued, with others successfully talked down. The Commissioner was due to meet with Public Health England the following day, to discuss long term prevention strategies and look at tactical implications with the Metropolitan Police Marine Unit and RNLI Tower Bridge. Other strategies such as better signage and nets were also being explored. It was noted that departments within the City of London Corporation would need to work in partnership with CoLP to provide longer term solutions.

A Member requested an overview of the different institutions working together to respond to and prevent suicide in the City but acknowledged that this was relevant to both the Safer City Partnership and Health & Well Being Board. An update in July 2021 would be welcomed **(20/2021/P)**. It was requested, if possible, to share whether those involved were workers, residents or those coming into the City specifically for the attempt.

A question was raised as to whether the enhanced video surveillance project needed to be expedited. The Assistant Commissioner agreed to follow this up outside the meeting, if required.

Further to the Chair's update, the Commissioner explained there had been a specific question on ASB near Aldgate Primary School. The Ward Sergeant and their team were engaging with the Head Teacher, with local patrols and community safety looking into long term problem solving. Of the 30 reports of ASB in the prior three weeks, six were for skateboarding, two for ASB associated with cyclist behaviours. The vast majority were alcohol related disorder, nuisance noise and begging. Engagement plans with stakeholders had been developed, with monthly newsletters to go to the Court of Common Council and Aldermen. There is the Nextdoor App, which is a national initiative, for City wards to get information on local police activity, through which they could also raise issues of ASB. Informal meetings were being held with more formal panels/fora being set up to table issues. The Force was working with the City Corporation to share data and problem solving. The Force had reached out to the perpetrators on social media, chatrooms etc to try and proactively engage them. Members commented that they did not wish to try to criminalise skateboarding and understood that it was important for young people to have somewhere to meet to pursue these activities in a safe environment.

RESOLVED, that the update be noted.

8. **NATIONAL LEAD FORCE**

Members received a verbal update from the Commissioner and Chief Officers regarding National Lead Force.

There had been a slight drop in demand for Action Fraud services, closer to pre-Covid levels. Technological developments had been implemented into Action Fraud as part of the wider continuous programme of improvement. Updates on this would be reported to the ECCC.

The Force had seen good engagement and coordinating activity, with arrests around fraud and economic crime.

RESOLVED, that the update be noted.

9. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE CAPITAL 2020/21 OUTTURN AND DEEP DIVE OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding City of London Police Capital 2020/21 Outturn and deep dive of the Capital Programme.

Members sought confirmation of any residual or outstanding operational risks that may have arisen due to the eleven deferred IT projects. It was confirmed that there were operational issues but that the COLP was working closely with the City Corporation's Director of IT to deliver solutions. Some relevant projects were featured on the agenda today.

Concern was raised as to how the Capital loan repayments would be funded and an explanation sought on how the process of loan funding from the City Corporation worked.

The Chamberlain confirmed that the borrowing procedure for COLP was established to mirror the route available to other authorities. She also confirmed that slippage was an issue across the City Corporation, and it was something that the Chief Finance Officer and Chief Operating Officer would monitor closely.

Governance arrangements had been tightened up and improved, with a finance team holding a dedicated monthly meeting on the capital programme.

Going forward matters concerning the capital programme would go through RREC first.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

10. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT - 2020/21**

Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding City of London Police Revenue Budget outturn report - 2020/21

The Chief Finance and Operating Officer noted that the underspend of £5.1M was slightly down from the previously projected £5.4M. This was because surge grant funding had been received for Covid related expenditure near year end, which it was noted would go towards the cost of PPE and Covid related Over Time.

The Chief Finance and Operating officer noted that the reduction in commercial income streams was a result of the impact of Covid with National and International training programmes significantly reduced.

It was noted that accommodation costs for rental of 21 New Street were significantly higher than they had been for Snow Hill and Wood Street police buildings.

Members noted that there had been a number of significant variances throughout the year and that the Force needed to get closer to the mark on setting the budget and projections throughout the year, although it was accepted that this had been an exceptional year.

With reference to the Outturn savings, the Chair commented that he would wish to see in the regular Budget Monitoring quarterly reports to RREC, how the savings roll forward into current year savings.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

11. MEMBER GOVERNANCE OF THE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) PROJECT

Members considered a report of the Chamberlain regarding Member Governance of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project.

RESOLVED, that Members approve the governance approach as outlined in the report; and nominate Graham Packham and Dawn Wright onto the proposed steering group.

12. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ACTIVITY - 2020/21

Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding Annual Report on Professional Standards Activity - 2020/21.

It was noted that there was no direct historical data to benchmark against since the introduction of the new regulations in 2020. However, despite this, the City sat at the top of the league in terms of performance. The split of complaints and allegations received, was split 22% (City policing) and 78% (Action Fraud). As certain monitoring data such as gender and ethnicity were not mandatory, any trends with those would be difficult to identify and monitor with confidence.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

13. THE CITY OF LONDON POLICE PENSION BOARD - REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

Members received a report of the Chamberlain regarding the Review of Activities for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

14. CITY OF LONDON POLICE SECTOR POLICING MODEL - INITIAL SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding the COLP Sector Policing Model – initial successes and Challenges.

The Chair requested that comments on this item this be taken alongside item 15.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

15. **RESPONSES TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE CITY OF LONDON**

Members received a report of the Executive Director, Department of Communities and Children's Services regarding responses to ASB in the City of London by the City of London Corporation.

This item was taken alongside item 14.

The Sector Policing Model was the first part of Transform to go live. So far it was proving successful with the sectors being split geographically between east and west. The wards were policed with various new support elements to problem solve issues such as ASB and associated crime.

A partnership and prevention multi agency hub had been formed and had experienced early successes such as the disruption and arrest of a crime ring associated with bicycle thefts in the City. Bikes had been recovered and returned to owners, where possible.

There had been efforts in community safety, with an increase in behavioural orders and the banning of repeat offenders from the City. Those that had plagued the City for years were being targeted through longer term offender management.

The two updates were met with wide support from the Board. A detailed report would be provided at the September SPPC **21/2021/P**.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

16. **RESOLUTION FROM THE BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES BOARD**

This resolution was withdrawn following developments outside of the Board.

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

There was one question regarding the ring of steel.

Following a suggestion that an ambulance had been stuck in fleet street due to a divider, with a number of possible incidences since 2003, a Member had not observed the kiosks being manned or used. The Assistant Commissioner confirmed that there was a need to retain the ring of steel for routine policing and Servator. On the policing aspect, a more detailed justification was sought, and the Assistant Commissioner undertook to get a more detailed note back to the Member. **22/2021/P**.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

19. **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.

20. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2021, be approved.

21. **NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

Members received a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner regarding the Board's non-public outstanding references.

22. **NON-PUBLIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

1a. **Resource, Risk & Estates Committee**

RESOLVED, that the draft non-public minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021, be noted.

2a. **Economic & Cyber Crime Committee**

RESOLVED, that the draft non-public minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2021, be noted.

23. **CHAIR'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE**

There was no non-public update.

24. **COMMISSIONER'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE**

Members received a non-public verbal update of the Commissioner.

25. **NATIONAL LEAD FORCE**

There was no non-public update.

26. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - FINANCIAL CHALLENGES**

Members considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Commissioner regarding City of London Police Medium Term Financial Plan - Financial Challenges.

27. **NATIONAL CYBERCRIME PROGRAMME - REGIONAL CYBER CENTRES - PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AND PARTICIPATION IN A COMPANY AS A NATIONAL HUB AND SERVICE PROVIDER**

The Commissioner informed Members of the need to withdraw the report in order to provide further information about the operational aspects of the proposal. The report would be resubmitted in July 2021.

28. **GW 1-5: COVERT VIDEO TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

Members received a Gateway 1-5 report of the Commissioner regarding the Covert Video Transmission System project.

29. **GW2: AZURE POINT TO SITE VPN**
Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the Commissioner regarding the Azure Point to Site VPN project.
30. **GW2: BARBICAN AIRWAVE COVERAGE**
Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the Chamberlain regarding the Barbican Airwave Coverage project.
31. **GW2: DIGITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT (CITY OF LONDON POLICE)**
Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the Commissioner regarding the Digital Asset Management System Project (COLP).
32. **GW2: DIGITAL SOCIAL MEDIA PROJECT (CITY OF LONDON POLICE)**
Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the Commissioner regarding the Digital Social Media Project (COLP).
33. **GW1-2: BISHOPSGATE ARMOURY PROJECT**
Members considered a Gateway 1-2 report of the Commissioner regarding the Bishopsgate Armoury Project.
34. **GW 3-4: BODY WORN VIDEO REFRESH**
Members considered a Gateway 3-4 report of the Commissioner regarding Body Worn Video Refresh.
35. **SECTION 98 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT -MASS MUTUAL AID TO SUPPORT POLICE SCOTLAND - COP26 - NOVEMBER 2021**
Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding the Section 98 Mutual Aid agreement – mass mutual aid to support Police Scotland – COP26 – November 2021.
36. **UPDATED S22A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL POLICE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE (NPOCC)**
Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the updated S22a Collaboration Agreement with the NPCC.
37. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**
There were no questions.
38. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There was one item of urgent business to be considered in confidential session.

The meeting ended at 10.35

Chairman

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