

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Wednesday, 16 February 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 16 February
2022 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)
Caroline Addy
Munsur Ali
Douglas Barrow
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Deputy Graham Packham
Dawn Wright
Andrew Lentin (External Member)
Deborah Oliver (External Member)

Officers:

Simon Latham	- Director, Police Authority
Alix Newbold	- Interim Director of the Police Authority
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Alistair Cook	- Head of Police Authority Finance
Paul Chadha	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department

City of London Police:

Angela McLaren	- Commissioner, City of London Police
Paul Betts	- Assistant Commissioner
Pete O'Doherty	- Assistant Commissioner
Clinton Blackburn	- City of London Police
Chris Bell	- City of London Police
Rob Atkin	- City of London Police
Rebecca Riggs	- City of London Police
Phil Pettit	- City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Tijs Broeke, Alderman Professor Emma Edhem, Alderman Tim Hailes.

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 27 January 2022, be approved as an accurate record.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner regarding the Board's outstanding actions.

The Chair requested delivery dates for items.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

5. **CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update from the Chair.

6. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update of the Commissioner,

The Board was informed that two new Commanders had been appointed. Thanks were issued to Temporary Commanders David Evans and Clinton Blackburn for their work over recent years, during a particularly difficult period for the Force.

a) National Lead Force Update

Members received a verbal update of the Assistant Commissioner on National Lead Force.

A Member commented on a visit they had made to the South East Resilience Centre, and commended the work. Members asked if contact details for the Centres could be shared **(2/2022/P)**.

b) Local Policing Update

Members received a verbal update from the Assistant Commissioner regarding Local Policing.

Members requested to take item 8, update on Violence Against Women and Girls at this point of the meeting.

7. **UPDATE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG) ACTIVITY***

Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding an update on the Force's work to tackle violence against women and girls.

The Commissioner committed to addressing concerns raised over the use of language at a recent cluster panel meeting..

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

8. **QUARTERLY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE***

Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding the Quarterly Community Engagement Update.

Clarification was sought on the nature of the competition and award won by the Force, referred to within the report **(3/2022/P)**.

The Ask Angela Campaign was to be rolled out to as many licensed premises as possible, with Local Sector Police Officers and Licensing Officers to monitor where it had been adopted and instances of its use.

The output of cluster panels, and commitments made to attendees, was to be circulated to Members for information **(4/2022/P)**.

The pilot with Amazon was keenly discussed by Members, who sought an update once it had been delivered **(5/2022/P)**.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

9. **Q3 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22***

Members received a report of the Commissioner regarding the Quarter 3 Revenue and Capital Budget monitoring for 2021/22.

At this stage, Members moved to consider item 19 (City of London Police Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23) whilst in public session. They proceeded to consider it alongside item 9.

The Chamberlain explained what had been provided for within the report. This included the Home Office settlement and precept, the BRP increase and funding for Cyber Griffin. Officers also touched upon the Home Office grant for the three year uplift target.

The accommodation budget was tight – and was reliant upon a successful appeal of the New Street business rates.

Court was still to approve the BRP uplift.

The Chair highlighted the need for an effective workforce plan.

Inflation was identified as one of the largest risks. It had been accounted for within the figures but if there was an increase in excess of what was planned, there would be significant implications to the MTFP.

A natural vacancy factor of 40 was used as a model to recognise the financial implications in budgetary terms.

Some cost mitigations (e.g. £1mil of non-pay related professional fees) were unsustainable for 2022/23.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

10. **COLP REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2022/23***

This report was moved to public session as its contents did not include material that justified its consideration whilst the public were excluded.

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the City of London Police Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/23 alongside item 9 (Q3 budget monitoring).

RESOLVED, that Members approve the 2022/23 Revenue Budget and that the indicative 2022 to 2025 Capital Programme, be noted with a view to the Capital Programme being presented to the May PAB for approval.

11. **POLICE AUTHORITY BUSINESS PLAN**

Members received a report of the Director of the Police Authority regarding the business plan.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

12. **POLICE AUTHORITY RISK REGISTER**

Members received a report of the Police Authority Director regarding the Police Authority Risk Register.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were two items of urgent business.

a) Policing Plan

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the final draft of the Policing plan.

It was hoped that the document would be used as widely and deeply as possible internally, around the City, and with new Members.

Previous feedback concerning the photos used within the plan appeared to have been taken on.

Some tweaks were still needed before publication and as such a delegated authority was sought and granted.

RESOLVED – that delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk to approve the final Policing Plan for publication.

b) Douglas Barrow

Mr Barrow was due to retire from the Court in March. As it was his last Board meeting, he wished to take the opportunity to formally thank his colleagues, the Force and Authority.

15. **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.

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022, be approved as an accurate record.

17. **NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner regarding the Board's outstanding actions.

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

Members received a verbal update from the Chair.

19. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

Members received a verbal update from the Commissioner.

a) National Lead Force

Members received a verbal update from the Assistant Commissioner.

b) Local Policing Update

There was no further non-public update.

20. **GW6: RING OF STEEL COMPLIANCE AND STABILISATION**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the Gateway 6: Ring of Steel Compliance and Stabilisation.

21. **GW2: COMMAND AND CONTROL- REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

This item was withdrawn.

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

There were no questions.

23. **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, Gateway 2 reports on Forensic Network; Forensic Storage; and National Identity Access Management.

24. TARGET OPERATING MODEL UPDATE

Members received a report of the Police Authority Director regarding the Target Operating Model.

The meeting ended at 12.00 pm

Chairman

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