

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Wednesday, 22 March 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chair)
Caroline Addy
Helen Fentimen
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deborah Oliver
Deputy Graham Packham
Dawn Wright
Melissa Collett (External Member)
Andrew Lentin (External Member)
Michael Mitchell (External Member)

Officers:

Ian Thomas	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Bob Roberts	- Deputy Town Clerk
Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley	- Police Authority Director
Oliver Bolton	- Police Authority
Josef Shadwell	- Police Authority
Charles Smart	- Police Authority
Tanna Chandni	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Paul Chadha	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Ian Hughes	- Environment Department

City of London Police:

Angela McClaren	- Commissioner, City of London Police
Paul Betts	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Peter O'Doherty	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Umer Khan	- Commander, City of London Police
Alix Newbold	- City of London Police
Alistair Cook	- CFO City of London Police
Aga Watt	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sir Craig Mackey.

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

There were no declarations made.

3. **MINUTES**

The Board considered the public minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15th of February 2023.

The Board were informed of one correction to add the attendance of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED– That, subject to the correction specified, the minutes of the meeting of the Police Authority Board held on 15th of February are 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 Committee.

The Chair requested that a date for completion be added to each of the actions listed and that a review of the Police Authority governance be prepared for the next meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the report.

5. **PUBLIC DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

The Board received the public minutes of the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee meeting held on the 6th of February 2023.

The Board were informed that Deborah Oliver and Helen Fentimen attendance would be added to the draft minutes.

RESOLVED- That the draft minutes be noted.

6. **CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE**

The Board received the Chair's public update.

The Chair highlighted the publication by the Home Office of the Strategic Policing Requirement and noted the inclusion of both the policing of violence against women and girls and fraud observing that the City of London Police were one of two forces specifically named in the document.

The Chair informed the Board that he attended a recently held inclusion event organised by the Force and highlighted the need to make the Force the most inclusive in the country.

The Chair also highlighted to Members that the Board would be considering the appointment of its committees for the new civic year and requested Members consider which of these they may wish to serve on.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

7. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

The Board received the Commissioner's public update.

The Commissioner updated the Board on the Baroness Casey Review of the Metropolitan Police including the implications for the City of London Police. It was noted that a detailed engagement with the Baroness Casey Review would be presented to Board at a future meeting. The Chair commented that whilst the Review was not a reflection of the City of London Police its findings needed to be considered by all Forces. In addition, it was highlighted that the City of London Police Authority already had established a more direct oversight of these issues as the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee had a sight of all Force misconduct data. It was added that work on culture at the Force needed to be ongoing. The Town Clerk added that Baroness Casey was due to speak at a London Councils meeting where the implications for London would be explained.

Following Member's query it was confirmed that the Metropolitan Police were leading on communications regarding the Baroness Casey Review at this stage.

The Board were updated on the City of London Police Museum noting that a report on the planned reinstatement would be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Officers provided the Board with an update on the matter of phone snatching in the City of London including actions taken by the Force to combat these crimes.

RESOLVED- That the update be noted.

8. REFRESH OF THE COLP POLICING PLAN 2022- 2025 (FOR 2023-24)

The Board considered a report of the Commissioner regarding the Refresh of the City of London Police Policing Plan 2022-25 for 2023-24.

The Chair noted the extensive consultation and engagement plan which had been undertaken on the Policing Plan with the Authority and highlighted the inclusion of reference to the Strategic Policing Requirement.

RESOLVED- That the refreshed Policing Plan be approved for publication.

9. ANTI-TERRORISM TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order.

RESOLVED- That the continuation of the ATTRO be approved subject to a further review in three years' time.

10. INDEPENDENT ADVISORY SCRUTINY GROUP- REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS

The Board received a report of the Commissioner on the Review of arrangements for the Independent Advisory Scrutiny Group.

The Board discussed whether the format and structure of the group provided an effective basis for engagement. Following a Member's query the background of the Group and its structure were confirmed. Further to this discussion the Board instructed Officers to review the recruitment and governance of this Group with the Force's Trust and Professionalism Team with a view to bringing an update back to Board later in the year (November/ December) to outline what is and what is not working with the new arrangements.

It was agreed that members of the Group be invited to observe a meeting of the Police Authority Board.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

11. HMICFRS INSPECTIONS UPDATE- VETTING, MISCONDUCT, AND MISOGYNY IN THE POLICE AND COLP COUNTER CORRUPTION AND VETTING INSPECTION

The Board received a report of the Commissioner on the HMICFRS Inspections Update- Vetting, misconduct, and misogyny in the police and CoLP Counter Corruption and Vetting Inspection.

It was noted that the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee would reviewing a more detailed update on HMICFRS Inspections in May 2023.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

12. ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICE COMPLAINTS ACTIVITY 2021/22

The report was withdrawn.

The Police Authority Director explained that the report was not in position to be presented to the Board in time for the meeting but would be provided to the next meeting of the Board.

Responding to a query from the Town Clerk it was explained that comparative data on complaints was difficult to confirm due to factors including the COVID Pandemic and changing IOPC framework. It was requested that the Review, once finalised, include lessons learnt from previous years of complaints and that these be incorporated in future quality assurance.

RESOLVED- That the report withdrawn.

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

A Member raised the matter of the poor behaviour of e-scooter users in the City of London and asked what actions the Force were taking to combat this. Officers provided an update on these actions including Operation Hornet relating to cyclist and e-scooters. The Chair noted that the performance data regarding this would be considered by the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee with cluster meetings would be the best place for further discussion. The Chair of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee informed the Board that the Planning and Transportation Committee were determined to tackle this issue.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

The Police Authority Board approved the appointment of James Halkett to the City of London Police Pensions Board on the recommendation of the Board's Chairman.

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.

Item No.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
16-25 (excluding 20)	3
20	4

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Board considered the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15th of February 2023.

RESOLVED – That non-public the minutes of the meeting of the Police Authority Board held on 15th of February are approved as an accurate record.

17. **NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Board received a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner on the non-public actions from the last meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

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

The Board received the non-public update from the Chair.

RESOLVED- that the update be noted.

19. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

The Board received the non-public update from the Commissioner.

RESOLVED- That the update be noted.

20. **COLP CORPORATE SERVICES REVIEW- UPDATE**

The Board received a report of the Commissioner which updated on the City of London Police Services Review.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

21. **UNIFORM MANAGED SERVICE FOR CITY OF LONDON POLICE VIA THE NUMS - CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The Board received a report of the Commissioner on the Uniformed Managed Service for City of London Police Contract Extension.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

22. **NPCC CYBERCRIME PROGRAMME: BLOCKCHAIN FORENSICS INVESTIGATION SAAS PROCUREMENT**

The Board considered a report of the Commissioner on the NPCC Cybercrime Programme Blockchain forensics investigation SaaS Procurement.

RESOLVED- That the report be approved.

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

There were no questions.

24. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

25. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Board considered the confidential minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15th of February 2023.

RESOLVED – That confidential the minutes of the meeting of the Police Authority Board held on 15th of February be approved as an accurate record.

The meeting ended at 11:40

Chair

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