

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & INTEGRITY (POLICE) COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, 8 February 2023**

Public note of the inquorate meeting of the Professional Standards & Integrity (Police) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 at 11.00 am

**Present**

**Members:**

Nicholas Bensted-Smith  
Michael Mitchell (External Member)  
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem

**In attendance virtually:**

Deborah Oliver (Deputy Chair)

**Officers:**

Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley	- Director of Police Authority
Charles Smart	- Police Authority
Rachael Waldron	- Police Authority
Rachel Smith	- Police Authority
Tanna Chandni	- Communications Officer, Town Clerk's Department
Paul Betts	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Claire Cresswell	- City of London Police
Sanjay Anderson	- City of London Police
William Duffy	- City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police
Kamalpreet Dhaliwall	- City of London Police

**1. APOLOGIES**

A quorum was not established within five minutes of the scheduled start of the Committee and as a result, in accordance with Standing Order 36 (2), the formal meeting was dissolved. Following this Members present agreed to informally consider the items on the agenda.

Apologies were received from Deputy James Thompson, Tijs Broeke, Jason Groves and Florence Keelson-Anfu.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered the public minutes of the previous meeting of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee held on 29th of November 2022.

**RESOLVED-** That the public minutes of the previous meeting of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee held on 29th of November 2022 be noted.

4. **REFERENCES**

The Committee received a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner on the outstanding public references from the previous meeting of the Committee.

**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.

5. **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BRIEF UPDATE ON ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN TO ADDRESS POLICE PERPETRATED MISOGYNY, SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND VIOLENCE AND AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on the activity undertaken to address police perpetrated misogyny, sexual misconduct and violence and against women and girls.

Officers informed Members that figures quoted within a recent article were not accurate with the correct figures being thirty-two cases reported, thirteen live and fourteen not meeting the requirement for review. It was added that the Force was still working to resolve the outstanding actions through an extensive internal governance process and would be reporting progress against these actions to the Committee. Following a Member's query it was explained that increased reporting requirements had caused a greater degree of work for the relevant officers but it was noted that the Corporate Services review would assess whether more staffing were required to manage these processes.

A member of the Committee queried how the risk around potential for officer misconduct was being assessed and mitigated and what metrics would be used to measure this risk effectively. Officers explained that the size of the Force meant that effective comparison was difficult but that the Independent Office for Police Conduct data was the most effective comparative metric. In response to a follow up question Officers confirmed that they would explore how best to produce a specific risk report on this.

**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.

6. **ACTION FRAUD STATISTICS – QUARTER 3 –1ST OCT 2022 – 31ST DEC 2022**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner on the Action Fraud Statistics Quarter 3 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Officers noted that the report included a large amount of information which it was agreed would be assessed to report this more effectively to the Committee in future.

A Member observed that the forty percent increase in Action Fraud complaints was a sizable increase and requested further information on the context of this increase.

Officers confirmed that Action Fraud complaints at this level had been experienced before but that the specific reasons for this increase would be confirmed in the next update.

Alderman Professor Emma Edhem joined the informal meeting of the Committee at this stage.

**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.

7. **Q3 STOP AND SEARCH AND USE OF FORCE UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on Q3 Stop and Search and Use of Force.

A Member questioned whether the increased night-time economy had caused an associated increase in the stop and search figures. Officers noted that premise license management and geographic analysis were key in the management of the effect of night-time economy on the policing.

In response to a Member's query it was confirmed that the City of London Police body worn camera policy would be circulated to the Committee.

**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.

8. **QUARTERLY EQUALITY AND INCLUSION UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner on the Quarterly Equality and Inclusion Update.

In response to a Member's request Officers agreed that an analysis of the progression of key areas highlighted in the report and the work undertaken in each area would be reported to the Committee in future updates.

Following a Member's enquiry it was explained that progress on the Youth Independent Advisory Scrutiny Group had stalled over COVID pandemic but that the Force's Youth Engagement Team would be taking this forward and that an update on this and the progress with the ethics panel would be brought to the Committee in a future update on this item. It was noted that there was an increased volume of work in this area currently and the team were having to prioritise.

**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.

9. **IOPC\_CITY OF LONDON POLICE COMPLAINTS INFORMATION BULLETIN - Q2 2022/23**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner regarding the IOPC City of London Police Complaints Information Bulletin Q2 2022-23.

**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.

10. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**  
There were no questions received in the public session.
11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**  
There was no urgent business considered in the public session.
12. **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 Local Government Act.
13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**  
The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the previous meeting of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee held on 29th of November 2022.  
**RESOLVED-** That the non-public minutes of the previous meeting of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee held on 29th of November 2022 be noted.
14. **NON-PUBLIC REFERENCES**  
The Committee received a joint report of the Commissioner and Town Clerk on the non-public references from the last meeting of the Committee.  
**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.
15. **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS STATISTICS – QUARTER 3 – 1ST OCTOBER 2022 – 31ST DECEMBER 2022**  
The Committee received a report of the Commissioner regarding the Professional Standards Statistics Quarter 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022- 31<sup>st</sup> December.  
**RESOLVED-** That the report be noted.
16. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**  
There were no questions received in the non-public session.
17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**  
There was no urgent business considered in the non-public session.

**The meeting ended at 11.55 am**

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Chair

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