

STRATEGIC PLANNING & PERFORMANCE (POLICE) COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 3 May 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning & Performance (Police) Committee held
on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Chair)
Deputy James Thomson
Helen Fentimen
Moawia Bin-Sufyan (External Member)
John Griffiths
Adrian Hanstock (External Member)

Officers:

Richard Riley	- Police Authority Director
Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Paul Betts	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Alix Newbold	- City of London Police
Rob Atkin	- City of London Police
Matthew Bradford	- City of London Police
Kate MacLeod	- City of London Police
Brett McKenna	- City of London Police
Matthew Ebbs	- City of London Police
Claire Flinter	- City of London Police
Carly Humphreys	- City of London Police
Ellie Ward	- Community and Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Deborah Oliver and Melissa Collett.

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 draft public meeting and non-public summary of the previous meeting of the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee held on the 6th of February 2023.

It was noted that Helen Fentimen, John Griffiths and Deborah Oliver were in attendance of the meeting held on 6th February 2023.

RESOLVED – That the public minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th February 2023, subject to the corrections specified, be approved as an accurate record.

4. **PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

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

The Chairman requested that an update on actions taken to curb the dangerous behaviour of e-scooters and bicycles be included as part of outstanding references. It was noted that as an outcome from the Police Authority Board the Committee needed to have an overview both of what the police are doing and what the Force can be doing to understand and address the issues raised by Members.

Members of the Committee requested that a hotspot survey be conducted to get an understanding of the issues and to identify any anti-social behaviour that may exist.

The Committee requested a review of legislation that applies to e-scooters and bicycles to understand whether they are enforceable or if they need to be amended.

A Member noted that the law prevented private individuals from insuring e-scooters and there may be an option to confiscate privately owned e-scooters because the law did not permit private insurance.

The Committee noted challenges Officers may experience with reporting to multiple Committees and in response, the Chair committed to reach out to the Town Clerk to request a greater collaboration between the Children & Community Services Department, Transport Team and the City of London Police to address identified issues. The Chairman further remarked that oversight for preventing crime and anti-social behaviour resides with the Committee.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

5. **HMICFRS PEEL INSPECTION 2022**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner regarding the findings of the HMICFRS PEEL Inspection.

In response to queries from the Committee, Officers outlined innovative practices initiated to reduce violence against women and girls, including the stop and search innovation, which was noted as best practice.

A Member requested that accomplishment timelines be set for each deliverable listed in the report. Members also requested analytical support for the stop and search trends presented.

Following comments from Members, Officers agreed deliverable timelines would be included in reports and committed to organising a Power BI demonstration to the Committee.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

6. **COMMUNITY REASSURANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director of Community and Children's Services regarding a progress update on Community reassurance and support services.

The Chair requested details of the functions for the Community Safety Accreditation scheme and how it was going to be scrutinised.

The Committee sought clarity on the proliferation of privatised policing services and how they collaborate with the police. The need to understand the impact of employing uniform presence within the city and a need for coordination to avoid confusing the public was also highlighted.

The Chairman requested that Officers prepare a report for the next meeting of the Committee to help understand the powers of support services and the Bylaws that empower them, particularly as it relates to use of force.

In response, Officers committed to prepare responses and revert with the information requested by the Committee to be discussed with the committee.

The Chairman remarked that he was not supportive of privatised force and powers. The Chair noted a preference for community support officers.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

7. **QUARTERLY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Committee received a joint report of the Commissioner and Executive Director for Children and Community Services which provided the Quarterly Community Engagement Update.

The Chairman requested for clarity on how the success and outcomes of activities outlined in the report will be measured, how Officers will ensure activities will be progressed and details of how community engagement is being evaluated.

A Member encouraged collaboration and sharing best practice with other units and advised against working in silos.

In response, Officers highlighted and discussed the community engagement strategy and noted that conversations are ongoing with the Force Operational Improvement Board. The success of the initial Walk and Talk event conducted by Officers was noted.

The Chairman thanked representatives from the Community and Childrens Services Committee for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

8. **QUARTERLY HMICFRS INSPECTIONS UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner regarding new reporting and assessment methods from HMICFRS, with how they are being addressed at the newly implemented Force Operational Improvement Board.

The Chairman highlighted the volume of activities and information in the report and requested that the Town Clerk and Officers review the structure, contents and level of details contained in the report.

Members remarked that custody inspection and crime data integrity are two key areas Officers are required to focus on in the report.

In response, Officers confirmed to the Committee that an update on the joint inspection of police custody will be shared with the Committee going forward.

Officers further remarked that the tentative timeline for completion of the crime data integrity inspection was end of 2024 but noted that this timeline was yet to be firmed up.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

9. **Q4 POLICING PLAN PERFORMANCE 22-23**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner on Performance assessment against the measures in the Policing Plan for Q4 2022-23 (1st January to 31st March 2023).

The Chairman commended Officers for the positive outcome in the report and noted the fact that there was a 12% decrease in crime against the baseline year, which the Chair remarked was really positive.

The multi safeguarding meetings and representation in the workforce was highlighted as essential to ensure the force was reflective of the communities it policed.

In addition, the Committee requested an update on the Safer City Partnership program and how it operates across the city.

The Chairman requested that all Officers are expected to undertake their mandatory training.

In response, Officers noted the importance of mandatory training and committed to ensure it is undertaken when due. Officers undertook to get partnership support where required.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

10. **PROGRESS UPDATE ON POLICE AUTHORITY REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding a progress update on the Police Authority review implementation.

The Committee requested clear deadlines for achieving set objectives to be included in the progress report.

A Member requested for an indication of the specific risk items in the report and when they would reach steady state.

Following comments from the Committee, it was agreed that a steady state would be achieved by Autumn just before November 2023.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

11. **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on strategic progress made by the City of London Police (CoLP) in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls.

The Chairman thanked the team and officers for the good overview and highlighted that it was essential for restoring trust in the police.

The Chairman requested that papers be put together by Officers to review how violence against women and girls' activities are reported to the Board for scrutiny.

RESOLVED -That the report be noted.

12. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions in the public session.

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

There were no urgent items considered in the public session.

14. **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 the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

15. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no non-public questions.

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

There were no non-public items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm

Chair

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