

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Wednesday, 19 July 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at
11.00 am

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chair)
Munsur Ali
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Helen Fentimen
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deputy Graham Packham
Deborah Oliver
Dawn Wright
Melissa Collett (External Member)
Sir Craig Mackey (External Member)

Officers:

Ian Thomas	- Town Clerk
Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley	- Police Authority Direction
Rachel Smith	- Police Authority Team
Charles Smart	- Police Authority Team
Rachael Waldron	- Police Authority Team
Chandi Tanna	- Communications Team
Kiki Hausdorff	- City Remembrancer's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Emily Rimington	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Tarjinder Phull	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Julia Pridham	- Bridge House Estates Department
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyor's Department

City of London Police:

Paul Betts	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Alistair Cook	- Chief Finance Officer, City of London Police and Police Authority
Umer Khan	- Commander, City of London Police
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police
Nicola Scoon	- City of London Police

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the Chair Deputy James Thomson. In the absence of the Chair the Deputy Chair took the Chair for the meeting.

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

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. **MINUTES**

The Board considered the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting of the Police Authority Board on the 28th of June 2023.

RESOLVED – That the draft public minutes of the previous meeting of the Police Authority Board on the 28th of June 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Board received a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner which set out the Outstanding References from the previous meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. **CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE**

The Board received the Chair's public update.

The Deputy Chair highlighted to the Board the Home Secretary's visit to the City of London Police on the 17th of July. Following a Member's query it was confirmed that the visit concentrated on the Force's counter terrorism work and specifically a demonstration of Project Servator.

The Deputy Chair updated the Board on a meeting he had attended between representatives of London boroughs and Baroness Casey. In addition, he encouraged Members to circulate the advertisement for the external members of the Board's committees, once finalised, to any individuals interested in these positions.

Responding to a Member's query it was confirmed that the next passing out parade would be held on the 30th of September and that all Members of the Board would be invited.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

6. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

The Board received the Commissioner's public update.

The Board discussed the trial of the City of London Police cycle team which began on the 26th June 2023 and will continue for the next 3 months. The Board commented on the positive reaction to the cycle teams by City residents and workers noting that the issue of cyclist and e-scooter users behaviour was a concern for these groups. Further to this a Member highlighted that a

Wardmote resolution regarding this issue had been received by the Planning and Transportation Committee but should also be received by Police Authority Board to note the enforcement considerations. A Member observed that it was important to ensure that a coordinated response on this issue. Members further expressed the view that the Force should consider making the cycle team a permanent measure. In response to these views Officers explained that the measures needed to be assessed as to whether the continuation of the Cycle Team represents an effective return on resources. In addition, Officers agreed that a coordinated response was required and added that the Safer City Partnership would be addressing this issue. Officers also undertook to produce a report for the Board regarding the Force's Cycle Team. The Board were informed of the associated communications plan regarding the Force's work to policing the behaviour e-scooters and cycling.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

7. CITY OF LONDON POLICE -POLICE UPLIFT PROGRAMME -CLOSURE REPORT

The Board received a report of the Commissioner which provided the City of London Police Uplift Programme Closure report.

The Deputy Chair observed that it was important to see the impact of the officer uplift numbers in the policing of the City of London.

The Board noted the issues regarding the officer retention. Officers explained the factors influencing the retention of officers and the mitigations being utilised, noting that the need to improve this further was recognised.

Replying to a Member's concern it was confirmed that there had been no relaxing of any vetting standards in the police uplift programme and reaffirmed the view that vetting remained the first line of defence in ensuring inappropriate individuals do not enter the Service.

The Deputy Chair requested further information on the impact of the uplift programme to the diversity of the Force. Responding to this Officers explained that there was an increase from fifty-seven to ninety eight in officers from an ethnic minority background representing a seventy two percent increase and an increase from one hundred and eighty-two to two hundred and thirty-seven female officers representing a thirty one percent increase. It was added that whilst there was progress in the diversity of the Force lessons learnt from both recruitment and retention would be considered to continue improvement.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

8. PUBLIC ORDER ACT REPORT 19 JULY 2023

The Board received a report of the Remembrancer regarding the Public Order Act.

The Deputy Chair noted that the Public Order Act included controversial powers and requested information on the Force's policy regarding the policing of

protest. Officers explained that the Force would be working with partners to ensure best practice and key learnings on the policing of protest would be incorporated adding that the new legislation provided key clarification on the application of section 12.

A Member highlighted the controversy regarding the policing of the King's Coronation noting that there was a difficult balance to achieve in practice when policing protests. The Deputy Chair requested that the Force update on the impact of the Public Order Act in the autumn.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

The Board received a report of the Town Clerk on the Police Authority programme funding.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

11. **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
12-21, excluding 15	3
15	3 and 7

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Board considered the draft non-public minutes of the previous meeting of the Police Authority Board on the 28th of June 2023.

RESOLVED – That the draft non-public minutes of the previous meeting of the Police Authority Board on the 28th of June 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

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

There was no further update in the non-public session.

14. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

There was no further update in the non-public session.

15. **FCCRAS - DELEGATION TO EXTEND THE EXISTING CONTRACTS**

The Board considered a report of the Commissioner on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service Delegation to extend the existing Contracts.

RESOLVED- That the report be approved.

16. **UPDATED CORPORATE CHARITIES REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LONDON POLICE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND (208175) AND THE VICKERS DUNFEE MEMORIAL BENEVOLENT FUND (238878)**

The Board received a report of the Bridge House Estates Managing Director which provided Updated Corporate Charities Review Recommendations for the City Of London Police Widows and Orphans Fund (208175) and the Vickers Dunfee Memorial Benevolent Fund (238878).

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

17. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE 2022-23**

The Board received a report of the Commissioner on the City of London Police Health, Safety and Wellbeing Annual Performance Update 2022-23.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

18. **MIDDLESEX STREET, CAR PARK, MIDDLESEX STREET, E1 7AD**

The Board received a joint report of the City Surveyor and Commissioner on Middlesex Street Car Park Middlesex Street.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one item of urgent business received in the non-public session.

21. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

The Board considered one item of business in the confidential session.

RESOLVED- That the item be approved.

The meeting ended at 12.36 pm

Chair

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