

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD
Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the City of London Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 3 July 2024 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Chair)
Helen Fentimen OBE JP
Jason Groves
Deputy Madush Gupta
Graham Packham
Deborah Oliver
Deputy Dawn Wright

Officers:

Ian Thomas CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Greg Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department
Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
Josef Shadwell	- Town Clerk's Department
Charles Smart	- Town Clerk's Department
Rachel Smith	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al- Bayerti	- Chamberlain's Department
Zakki Ghauri	- Chamberlain's Department
Frank Marchione	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's
Claire Giraud	- Community and Children's Services

City of London Police:

Pete O'Doherty	- City of London Police
Nik Adams	- City of London Police
Alix Newbold	- City of London Police
Alistair Cook	- City of London Police
Emma Cunningham	- City of London Police
Chris Bell	- City of London Police
Bill Duffy	- City of London Police
Andy Gould	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy James Thomson, Melissa Collett, Nicholas Bensted Smith, Alderman Timothy Hailes and Sir Craig Mackey.

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

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2024 were 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 a stronger commitment to report to the Board the plan of action to be taken around the use of cluster panels.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the report.

5. **CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE**

Members received the Chair's public update and highlighted particularly the positive media coverage and social media coverage, which sent a clear message that those offences committed within the City of London would be found and prosecuted.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

6. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE**

Members received the Commissioner's public update, and noted congratulations to Caroline Hay, for her receipt of an MBA in the Kings Honors List.

Members queried the antisocial behaviour of cyclists within the City of London and suggested enhanced signage and a communications campaign to alert cyclists to the penalties if caught disobeying the traffic regulations.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

7. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the City of London Police Annual Report 2023 – 24.

Members noted that the data presented a positive story. Officers assured Members that work would be undertaken to identify the rising crime types in order to inform the next Policing Plan.

Members queried how the statistics compare to other Forces nationally. Officers outlined that the City of London Police had the highest detection rates nationally.

RESOLVED, - that the Board approved the City of London Police Annual Report 2023 – 24 for onward submission to the Court of Common Council, to be presented for information by the Chair of the Police Authority Board.

8. **POLICING PLAN 2025-28 PLAN OF ACTION**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the Policing Plan 2025 – 28 Plan of Action.

The Chair asked Members to consider the engagement and process timelines and noted the ambition for the staff and officers of the City of London Police to be included in the process.

Officers agreed to consider the timeline of the Policing Plan of Action and how it related to the recruitment of the Commissioner.

Members noted the expertise within local businesses and suggested that these contacts would be involved in the development of the policing plan to further establish and broaden the existing relationships. Officers agreed to set out how Members could support the plan of action.

Members queried the timing of the inspection and how the plan of action would position the City of London Police in preparation for PEEL inspections. Officers highlighted that the Policing Plan would include the statutory responsibility to engage with communities, which would also be included in the PEEL inspection and provided links across both.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

9. **EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STRATEGY 2023-27**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2023 – 27.

Members noted the significant work undertaken to produce the Strategy and were keen to ensure that there would be emphasis on why this work was so important in future reporting.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

10. **POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Members received a verbal report the Town Clerk which set out appointments to the City of London Police Pensions Board, and Police Authority Board Subcommittees

City of London Police Pensions Board

The Chair proposed the appointment of Ray Eaglesmith as Chair of the City of London Police. This recommendation was endorsed by the Commissioner, and Ray Eaglesmith was duly appointed as Chair for the year ensuing.

Co-opted appointment from the Court of Common Council to:

Economic and Cyber Crime Committee

There were no expressions of interest received, the Town Clerk agreed to re-advertise the vacancy

Strategic Planning and Performance Committee

There was one expression of interest received from Dr Joanna Abeyie, who was duly appointed to the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee.

Resource Risk and Estates Committee

There was one expression of interest received from Jacqui Webster, who was duly appointed to the Resource Risk and Estates Committee. The Town Clerk was to re-advertise the remaining vacancy to the Court of Common Council.

Professional Standards and Integrity Committee

There were three expressions of interest received for two vacancies. A ballot was held and Jacqui Webster and Dr Joanna Abeyie were duly appointed to the Professional Standards and Integrity committee.

RESOLVED, - that the appointments be noted.

11. **FCCRAS PUBLIC UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service (FCCRAS).

Members heard that there would be verbal updates reported to this Board to provide an update on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service, with an understanding that due to the fast nature of the programme, there could be a time lag in reporting.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

15. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, - that the non-public minutes of the Police Authority Board meeting held on 5 June 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

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

There was no update.

17. **COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

There was no update.

18. **NON PUBLIC FCCRAS UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service programme.

19. **ENHANCED SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

Members received a report of the Interim Executive Director of Environment which outlined the Enhanced Suicide Prevention Initiative.

20. **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a Health, Safety and Wellbeing Annual Performance update.

20a. FUTURE POLICE ESTATES PORTFOLIO

Members received a report of the Chamberlain which set out the Future Police Estates Portfolio.

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

There were no questions.

22. **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.

23. **RECRUITMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF LONDON POLICE**

Members received a report of the Executive Director & Chief People Officer which provided an update on the recruitment of the Commissioner of the City of London Police.

The meeting ended at 12:58

Chairman

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