

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 11 June 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 11 June 2024 at
3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Chair)
Mary Durcan
Deputy John Fletcher
Deborah Oliver
Graham Packham

Officers:

Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Charles Smart	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department
Ian Hughes	- Environment
Gavin Stedman	- Environment
Simon Cribbens	- Community & Children's Services Department
Valeria Cadena	- Community & Children's Services Department

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Helen Fentimen, Ruby Sayed, and Chris Hayward.

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

There was one declaration from Deborah Oliver, that she was also a Member of City Bridge Board.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, - that the public minutes and non-public summary were approved as an accurate record.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Board proceeded to elect a Chair in accordance with Standing Order No. 29. Deborah Oliver being the only Member expressing a willingness to serve was duly elected as Chair for the year ensuing.

The Board proceeded to elect a Deputy Chair in accordance with Standing Order No. 30 Ruby Sayed being the only Member expressing a willingness to serve was duly elected as Deputy Chair for the year ensuing.

RESOLVED- That Deborah Oliver be elected as Chair of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee and Ruby Sayed be elected as the Deputy Chair for the year ensuing.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - JUNE COVER REPORT

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which was provided an outline of the key areas of focus for the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny.

The Chair outlined that the agenda for the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee would be set out in the agreed key priorities, serious violence, antisocial behaviour, and reoffending. The Chair requested that these key areas would be the focus in future meetings.

5a. CRIME TRENDS AND ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an analysis of recent crime trends.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Members queried the Night Time Levy which was imposed on business premises engaged in the night time economy, and were keen to ensure that those businesses contributing to this money would be cognisant of how this money was spent, and assured that it was spent appropriately. It was noted that a report on the Late Night Levy had been shared with the Licensing Committee in February 2024, and this report would be circulated among the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee for information.
- Members considered if the Night Time Economy could be included in the top priorities of the work of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, it was agreed that this would be covered in both serious violence reports and antisocial behaviour reports to ensure that the area would receive adequate scrutiny.
- The reporting would include data from City of London Police and other responsible authorities in the reports from other agencies including Community Safety. This would be included in the reporting for the next Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in October 2024.
- Members noted the £1m grant received from the Home Office for Hot Spot Policing and felt it important to monitor this funding and how it had been spent. Officers outlined that this had covered policing overtime, training for officers on nighttime economy policing, extra resourcing in utilising the CCTV effectively as well as the cycle team. The City of London Police would report monthly to the Home Office on this funding and would report to this Committee when possible.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

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5B. SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP REFRESHED STRATEGY 2022 - 2025

Members received a report of the Executive Director of Community and Children's Services which outlined the refreshed Safer City Partnership Strategy 2022 - 2025.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

5C. CITY OF LONDON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY 2024

Members received a report of the Executive Director of Community and Children's Services which outlined the City of London Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Members highlighted the necessity for the Corporation to buy into the partnership working, officers in the Community Safety Partnership agreed to undertake a review into the partnership working to identify gaps and assess its effectiveness. This would be reported to the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee.
- Members felt that police briefings which were held during business hours did not work for residents and suggested a review into police engagement with residents and the arrangements.
- The Safer City Partnership team had developed an action plan which related to re-offending. Due to staff sickness, this action plan required further work. Officers agreed to report the updated action plan to the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in October 2024.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

5D. SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING UPDATE

Members received a report of the Executive Director of Community and Children's Services which provided an update on crime and safety grants from 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- The funding streams set out in the report were not guaranteed beyond 2025 and Officers outlined that at present there was opportunity to support colleagues with new initiatives.
- The Chair asked Members if they felt that the current spending was aligned with the priorities of serious violence, antisocial behaviour, and reoffending. Officers outlined that the Safer City Partnership had a funding pot allocated from the Proceeds of Crime Act funding, which partner agencies had the opportunity to bid for. Applications would require partners to demonstrate how those initiatives were relevant to the Safer City Strategy and would align with their priorities.
- Members noted that there were two outstanding applications, which were Operation Luscombe and the extension of the use of Parkguard. Officers outlined that a bid was in the pipeline for the use of Proceeds of Crime Act funding in relation to Operation Luscombe, in collaboration with the Antisocial Behaviour workgroup and Homelessness and Rough sleeping Subgroup.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

The Chair noted the absence of other partners and was keen to ensure that for effective scrutiny that other key partners would be in attendance, specifically health partners.

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 15:50

Chairman

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