

STRATEGIC PLANNING & PERFORMANCE (POLICE) COMMITTEE
Thursday, 26 September 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning & Performance (Police) Committee held at Committee Rooms, Guildhall on Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Jason Groves (Chair)
Helen Fentimen OBE
Andrew Lentin
Michael Mitchell
Deputy James Thomson
John Griffiths
Melissa Collett

Officers:

Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerks Department
Josef Shadwell	- Town Clerks Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerks Department

City of London Police

Paul Betts	- City of London Police
Andrew Gould	- City of London Police
Amanda Horsburgh	- City of London Police
Brett McKenna	- City of London Police
Kate Lloyd	- City of London Police
Patrick Holdaway	- City of London Police
Oliver Shaw	- City of London Police
Chris Bell	- City of London Police
Megan Cardy	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deborah Oliver and Tijs Broeke.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED, - that the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 21 May 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

4. PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

Members received a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Commissioner which provided the public outstanding references.

The Chair noted that the PEEL inspection would be discussed further on the agenda, and a more detailed report would be submitted to SPPC in November 2025.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

5. **Q1 POLICING PLAN PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the Q1 Policing Plan performance measured.

Members expressed concern that there were reported increases in all areas of crime, and that this would concern women and residents in the City, and queried if this was consistent with national statistics. Officers confirmed that reported increases were in line with national trends.

Members considered the use of signage upon entering the City of London to create a hostile environment for those intent upon committing crimes, particularly phone snatching. Officers agreed to consult on the available options with Corporation colleagues. Members agreed to consider the issue further at the Police Authority Board.

Officers agreed to consult with City of London Comms team on the most appropriate method to inform the public about crime levels in the City of London.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

6. **HMICFRS QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a quarterly HMICFRS update. The Police Authority Director agreed to scope if further data would be available from the Corporation to feed into future demand predictions.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

7. **STRATEGIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN: KEEPING THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT THE CITY SAFE AND FEELING SAFE**

Members received a joint report of the Commissioner and the Town Clerk which provided an overview of the strategic community engagement plan.

Members suggested that the use of corporate spaces to hold cluster panels, would be an effective method to link with businesses in the City. Members questioned how effective the cluster panel arrangements had been, officers agreed to report back on attendance figures of cluster panels to evidence their reach.

Members noted the significant number of young people and students using the City and considered how to improve engagement with this cohort.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

8. **DEEP DIVE: HOW EFFECTIVELY IS THE CITY OF LONDON POLICE RESPONDING TO SHOPLIFTING?**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a deep dive into how effectively the City of London Police was responding to shoplifting.

Members welcomed the report and felt the good work should be published as a good news story.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

The Chair noted that Adrian Hanstock had stepped down from his place as external Member of the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee and thanked him for his contribution.

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 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.

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, - that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 12 May were approved as an accurate record.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 12:59

Chairman

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