

STRATEGIC PLANNING & PERFORMANCE (POLICE) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 11 February 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning & Performance (Police) Committee held
at on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Jason Groves (Chair)
Deputy James Thomson CBE
Melissa Collett
Helen Fentimen OBE JP

Officers:

Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Josef Shadwell	- Town Clerk's Department
Charles Smart	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department

City of London Police:

Paul Betts	- City of London Police
Amanda Horsburgh	- City of London Police
Brett McKenna	- City of London Police
Kate Lloyd	- City of London Police
Megan Cardy	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Tijs Broeke, Deborah Oliver and John Griffiths. Andrew Lentin and Joanna Abeyie were observing online.

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 3 December 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

4. PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

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

Members requested that all outstanding references would include deadlines for completion.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

5. **DRAFT POLICING PLAN**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the draft Policing Plan.

Members suggested that the plan should include the City of London Police contribution to national cyber resilience, information about the impact of policing in the City on businesses and the new Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service (FCCRAS) and its benefits. Other suggestions were made about strengthening the language in relation to victims and the link between inclusivity and improvements in the delivery of policing services to the public.

RESOLVED, - that Members agreed to recommend that the Police Authority Board delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Deputy of the Police Authority Board to finalise the Plan, considering the comments of Members.

6. **POLICING PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT - Q3 2024/25**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a performance report from quarter 3 of 2024 against the Policing Plan.

Members discussed mobile phone theft and queried if there were any actions the wider Corporation could take to assist in addressing this issue. It was outlined that officers had attended a recent summit with the Home Secretary and some large tech firms to discuss ways to make mobile phone theft less attractive.

Members returned to the question of signage in the City, as a means of helping to prevent crime and deterring criminals. Officers confirmed that this was being looked at and a report would be brought back to the Committee in June.

Separately, officers agreed to provide a report on the impact of Operation Tinsel at the next committee.

Members welcomed the format of the report and queried how to publicise its contents widely within the community. Officers agreed to consider how best to make this information public, to coincide with the publication of the new City Policing Plan.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

7. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner that provided a quarterly update on the community engagement strategic plan.

Members felt that there was good engagement work that had taken place which was not captured within the report. Officers were keen to continue to pursue the approach to engagement through Cluster Panels which had previously been reported to the Committee.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

8. **DRINK SPIKING REVIEW DRAFT**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided the final draft of the drink spiking review.

Members welcomed the report and felt it could be used to both promote the City as a safe place to be and to share good 'keeping safe' advice.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

9. **HMICFRS QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a quarterly update on the work to prepare for the upcoming HMICFRS inspection.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

12. **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.

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, - that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2024 be approved as an accurate record.

14. **VULNERABILITY DEEP DIVE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a vulnerability deep dive.

Members welcomed the report and queried the work being done on modern slavery, and the prevalence of it in the City.

Members also queried what the deep dive highlighted as the greatest risk areas. An emerging issue related to county lines exploitation activity.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

15. **PROJECT SERVATOR UPDATE (INCL. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS)**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an update on Project Servator.

Members noted that the British Transport Police had disbanded the central project Servator team and queried the impact on the City of London. Officers outlined that the report focused on the work the team were doing nationally, and assured Members that permanent Servator teams are in place in the City. Officers agreed to provide more City specific data at a future meeting.

RESOLVED, - that the report be noted.

At 12:59 the meeting was extended under Standing Order 40.

16. **POWERBI DASHBOARD DEMONSTRATION**

Members received a presentation on the PowerBI dashboard.

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

There were no questions.

18. **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 13:09

Chairman

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