

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Police and Crime Committee**

**Date: Wednesday 24 May 2023**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Place: Chamber, City Hall,  
Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE**

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Present:

Caroline Russell AM (Chair)

Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman)

Marina Ahmad AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Anne Clarke AM

Tony Devenish AM

Len Duvall AM

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Keith Prince AM

## **1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Unmesh Desai AM, and Sem Moema AM for whom Anne Clarke AM attended as a substitute.
- 1.2 At the start of Agenda Item 10, the Chair thanked Susan Hall AM, Deputy Chairman, for her work as Chair of the Police and Crime Committee since January 2022.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

2.2 **Resolved:**

**That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

## **3 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)**

3.1 **Resolved:**

**That the membership and chairing arrangement for the Committee, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 4 May 2023, be noted as follows:**

**Caroline Russell AM (Chair)**

**Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman)**

**Marina Ahmad AM**

**Shaun Bailey AM**

**Unmesh Desai AM**

**Tony Devenish AM**

**Len Duvall AM**

**Sem Moema AM**

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM**

**Keith Prince AM**

## 4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

### 4.1 Resolved:

**That the terms of reference for the Police and Crime Committee, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 4 May 2023, be noted as follows:**

- 1. To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Assembly by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime Annual Report, in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.**
- 2. To keep under review the exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.**
- 3. To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, in accordance with the relevant provisions of section 33 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.<sup>[1]</sup>**
- 4. To submit proposals, as necessary, to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.**
- 5. To hold a confirmation hearing in respect of the Mayor's proposed candidate for Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and to make recommendations to the Mayor and decisions as necessary on the proposed appointment.**
- 6. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Committee by section 31 and schedule 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.**

**[Note: The Committee functions must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.]**

**Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:**

**Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime; London Crime Reduction Board;  
Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Reference Group**

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<sup>[1]</sup> The powers of the London Assembly include, in particular, power to investigate, and prepare reports about:

- (a) any actions and decisions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- (b) any actions and decisions of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime;
- (c) any actions and decisions of a member of staff of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- (d) matters relating to the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
- (e) matters in relation to which the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime are exercisable; or
- (f) any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to policing and crime reduction in the metropolitan police district.

## **5 Standing Delegations of Authority (Item 5)**

### **5.1 Resolved:**

**That the following standing delegations of authority to the Chair of the committee, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 4 May 2023, be noted as follows:**

- (a) At its Annual Meeting on 1 May 2013, the Assembly agreed to delegate a general authority to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.**
- (b) At the Plenary meeting on 6 June 2019, the Assembly agreed to delegate authority to Chairs of ordinary committees, sub-committees and working groups to agree, in consultation with the relevant party Group Lead Members and Deputy Chairs:**
  - (i) The detailed terms of reference for any investigation to be undertaken by the relevant committee, sub-committee or working group within its work programme as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee, and any related project plans and arrangements for related site visits or informal meetings; and**
  - (ii) The topic and scope for any additional projects to be added to its work programme, where it is not practicable to secure prior approval from the GLA Oversight Committee and subject also to subsequent ratification by the GLA Oversight Committee.**

## **6 Minutes (Item 6)**

### **6.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 8 March and 22 March 2023 be signed by the Chair as correct records.**

## **7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)**

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

### **7.2 Resolved:**

**That the completed, outstanding and closed actions arising from its previous meetings, and the additional correspondence sent, be noted.**

## **8 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 8)**

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

8.2 **Resolved:**

**That the recent action taken by the former Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee under delegated authority, following consultation with party Group Lead Members, be noted, namely to agree:**

- (a) The Committee's response to the Metropolitan Police Service's Draft Turnaround Plan for 2023-2025, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report;**
- (b) The Committee's report on counter-terrorism and radicalisation, as attached at Appendix 2 of the report;**
- (c) The Committee's report on missing children in London, as attached at Appendix 3 of the report; and**
- (d) The Committee's letters to the Mayor and Home Secretary following Sir Thomas Winsor's report on the resignation of the former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, as attached at Appendices 4 and 5 of the report.**

## **9 Responses to Committee Output (Item 9)**

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

9.2 **Resolved:**

**That the Committee notes the responses to the Committee's report on *Probation Services In London* from the following:**

- (a) His Majesty's Prison & Probation Service, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report;**
- (b) The Magistrates Association, as attached at Appendix 2 of the report; and**
- (c) His Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service, as attached at Appendix 3 of the report.**

## **10 Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime - Strengthening Oversight of the Metropolitan Police Service (Item 10)**

- 10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following invited guests:
- Diana Luchford CB, Chief Executive Officer, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC); and
  - Kenny Bowie, Director of Strategy and Metropolitan Police Service Oversight, MOPAC.
- 10.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 10.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following from MOPAC:
- Details of the oversight work MOPAC is doing, particularly related to the Metropolitan Police Service's (MPS) Turnaround Plan and its journey out of Engage;
  - Further information on the randomised control trial;
  - A quarterly informal or written briefing on the progress of the Engage process;
  - What issues the London Policing Board (LPB) should focus on, the LPB's terms of reference, key performance indicators, and performance framework;
  - How the LPB will interact with the Assembly and what information will be made public;
  - Details of when MOPAC raised concerns over issues with the MPS in Oversight Board meetings, and what action was taken, prior to the publication of Baroness Casey's review;
  - A copy of the report and findings from Black Thrive when it is completed;
  - Confirmation of the funding MOPAC provided to Black Thrive; and
  - Details of the communication between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, and the Home Office that relates to concerns over the MPS, prior to the publication of Baroness Casey's review.
- 10.4 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
  - (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

## 11 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 11)

11.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

### 11.2 Resolved:

- (a) That the work programme, and the Committee's meeting dates agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 4 May 2023, be noted.
- (b) That the informal activity undertaken since the Committee's last meeting, namely a visit to the Counter Terrorism Operations Centre, be noted.
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, and the Health Committee Chair and Group Lead Members, to write to the Department for Health and Social Care, and NHS England, regarding additional resources for the London Ambulance Service.

## 12 Date of Next Meeting (Item 12)

12.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 7 June 2023 at 10.00am in Committee Rooms 2&3, City Hall.

## 13 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 13)

13.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

## 14 Close of Meeting

14.1 The meeting ended at 12.43pm.

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Chair

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Date

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