

MINUTES

Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Thursday 8 March 2012
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Joanne McCartney (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour
Jennette Arnold OBE
John Biggs
Victoria Borwick
James Cleverly
Jenny Jones
Steve O'Connell
Valerie Shawcross CBE

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Gareth Bacon AM and Mike Tuffrey AM

2. Declarations of Interest (Item 2)

2.1 **Resolved:**

(a) That the relevant Assembly Members' membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in Item 2 on the agenda, be noted and recorded as personal interests;

(b) That gifts and hospitality received by Members in the previous three years, as

set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register be noted; and

- (c) That the declared personal interest of Jennette Arnold OBE AM in respect of Agenda Item 5 (Question and Answer session with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Deputy Commissioner), as the former Chair of the Stephen Lawrence Trust Foundation, be noted.**

3. Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Police and Crime Committee meeting held on 23 February 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to the insertion of a sentence recording the Committee's best wishes to Anne McMeel, the Director of Finance at the MPS, upon stepping down from that role.

4. Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the, ongoing, outstanding and completed actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, as listed in the report, be noted.

5. Question and Answer Session with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Deputy Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

5.2 Kit Malthouse, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, and Craig Mackey, Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis (appearing on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, who had submitted his apologies for this meeting), attended to answer the Committee's questions about the work of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime [MOPC] and related issues, including the Commissioner's proposed new approach to stop and search.

5.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5.4 During the discussion, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime committed to:

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- holding formal monthly board meetings with the MOPC and MPS management boards with minutes of those meetings to be published;
- providing the Committee with details of how external legal advice was being procured by the MOPC and MPS for those giving evidence in connection with the Leveson Inquiry;
- analysing victims – aged 60 and over - of all crime types, and the number of disabled people in London who had been victims of anti-social behaviour in order to establish any trends that needed to be addressed; and providing the Committee with this data and any associated reports on these two issues.

5.5 The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime also informed the Committee that he had requested an urgent report from the MPS relating to the recent newspaper articles about alleged police corruption linked to the Stephen Lawrence case. This report, once received, would be circulated to the Committee. The Deputy Commissioner also confirmed he would shortly write to the Committee with an indication of when the report would become available.

5.6 The Deputy Commissioner also undertook to:

- write to the Committee to confirm the number of officers assigned to Operations Weeting, Elveden and Tuleta, with details of the number of police officers arrested;
- set out the definitions used by the MPS in compiling knife crime statistics.
- circulate the MPS Action Plan for Victim Care;
- describe the process for filling vacancies when they arise in the MPS, and how many officers are expected to retire following the Olympics; and
- confirm details of the consultative events carried out by the MPS to inform revision of the Stop and Search process, circulate the standard Section 60 notice and provide details of the MPS training package in respect of Stop and Search.

5.7 **Resolved:**

- a) **That the report and the discussion with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Deputy Commissioner of Police be noted; and**
- b) **That the Chair writes to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Deputy Commissioner of Police regarding the issues raised during the discussion.**

6. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee noted:

- a) That the next meeting of the Police and Crime Committee would be held on 22 May at 3.30pm in the Chamber subject to confirmation of the overall timetable of Assembly meetings at the Annual Meeting of the Assembly on 11 May 2012; and.
- b) That the Committee would be able to meet, in exceptional circumstances, during the pre-election period if any urgent issues arose.

7. Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting ended at 4.35pm.

Chair

Date

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