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Meeting: Police and Crime Committee
Date: Thursday 8 January 2015
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Joanne McCartney AM (Chair)
Jenny Jones AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
John Biggs AM
Victoria Borwick AM
Len Duvall AM
Roger Evans AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair) and Jennette Arnold OBE AM.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 **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 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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

5 Minute's Silence in Remembrance of the Victims of the Charlie Hebdo Atrocity in Paris

5.1 The Chair stated, that, before the Committee considered the other agenda items, she wanted to record the Committee's concern about the attack on free speech and democracy arising from the atrocity committed at the office of the magazine, *Charlie Hebdo*, that had taken place in Paris on 7 January 2015. She expressed the Committee's condolences to all the family and friends of the murdered people. She added that the Committee wished to express its solidarity with London's sister city, Paris. The Chair urged Londoners to be vigilant and to report any concerns to and co-operate with the Police and security services.

5.2 The Committee observed a minute's silence in remembrance of the victims of the *Charlie Hebdo* atrocity.

6 Youth Reoffending and Resettlement (Item 5)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, as background to putting questions to the invited guests on youth reoffending and resettlement.

6.2 The Chair welcomed the following guests for the first part of the question and answer session on youth reoffending and resettlement:

- Dr Tim Bateman, Reader in Youth Justice, University of Bedfordshire;
- Dr Alex Newbury, Senior Lecturer, Brighton Business School;

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- Graham Robb, Youth Justice and Education consultant; and
- Lisa Harvey-Messina, Head of London Business Area, Youth Justice Board.

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

6.4 During the discussion Lisa Harvey-Messina undertook to provide the Committee with some general information about reoffending rates and a breakdown of reoffending rates at borough level.

6.5 The Chair stated that she would write to the invited guests to seek their views on what role the Mayor should have in the youth justice system and what additional actions the Mayor should take in the future. The Chair also invited the guests to write with any comments they might have about Project Daedalus and the Heron Unit or any other aspects of youth reoffending and resettlement.

6.6 At the conclusion of the first part of the discussion, the Chair thanked the invited guests for their attendance and very helpful contributions.

6.7 The Chair welcomed the following guests for the second part of the question and answer session on youth re-offending and resettlement:

- Glenn Knight, Governor, Feltham Young Offender Institution;
- Evan Jones, Head of Community Services, St Giles Trust;
- Loretta Albertini, Switch Direction Performance Manager, Working Links;
- Paul Crookendale, Operations Manager, Working Links; and
- Helen Dyson, Offender Management Service Manager, Nacro.

6.8 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

6.9 At the conclusion of the second part of the discussion, the Chair thanked the invited guests for their attendance and very helpful contributions. The Chair stated that the guests would be welcome to write to her with any further contributions.

6.10 **Resolved:**

That the report and answers given by invited guests to the questions asked by Members, be noted.

7 The Diversity of the Met's Frontline (Item 6)

7.1 The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

7.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's report, *The diversity of the Met's frontline*, be agreed.

7.3 Tony Arbour AM drew the Committee's attention to the fact that the GLA Conservatives Members on the Committee were not convinced about recommendation 3, in respect of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime opening up a dialogue with Government around the feasibility of implementing a law change in future if the MPS were unable to recruit more Black and Minority Ethnic officers in the next two years, as the GLA Conservatives Members were not certain that the experience in Northern Ireland could be replicated in London. The Chair noted that the report had stated that there was not unanimous support on the Committee for that recommendation.

8 Police and Crime Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report, be noted.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

9.1 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for 10am on Thursday, 29 January 2015 in the Chamber, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)

10.1 The Chair stated that, on behalf of the Committee, she had written to Cressida Dick QPM CBE, Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police Service, to congratulate her on the award of the CBE for services to policing in the New Year's Honours List.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 12.52pm.

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Chair

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